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even for the profusion of pictures which in itself is so welcome.

Mr. Clark glances, as in duty bound, at the Babylonian libraries of stone tablets, and the references to the Greek libraries, about which we know tantalizingly little. But his subject really begins in the time of Cicero, whose references to his books and their bestowal are strikingly modern. With the formation of public libraries under Augustus modern touches become still more frequent. As Mr. Clark remarks, the advice of Horace to his friend Celsus as to his use of the Palatine library might well be paraphrased by "Trust to your own wits and don't go so often to the British Museum." Later on we find Aulus Gellius alluding to a grammatical dispute being settled by a reference to a public library, and in the third century Vopiscus comes near to quoting a book by its "press-mark." A woodcut from a sculpture at Neumagen near Trèves shows that the arrangement and use of a library of rolls were far less cumbrous than might be imagined, and Mr. Clark gives good reason for thinking that, whether by accident or intention, the Vatican library of Pope Sixtus V. closely resembled the more magnificent libraries of the Roman Empire.

Interesting as the Roman libraries are. they are not the true forerunners of those now in existence. These may all be traced back to the humble collections, originally doubtless only of service-books, which the precentor kept, at first in the church itself, afterwards, when monasteries were founded and cloisters built, in an "armarium" or cupboard, usually a recess in the cloister wall, just outside the chapel door. With a wealth of instances, pictures, and plans Mr. Clark shows how, as books increased, the "armarium commune" in the cloister was supplemented, as at Kirkstall Abbey (built about 1150) and Fossa Nuova (built 1187-1208), by a book-room cut off from the sacristy, or, as at Furness Abbey (1150-1200), by two rooms cut off from the chapter-house. Such expedients served for some time, but in a Durham catalogue of the end of the fourteenth century books are enumerated in five different repositories, and only monastic conservatism resisted the need for a specially built room. In the fifteenth century the long delayed change came with a rush. In all new foundations, whether monasteries or colleges, the library formed an important feature in the architect's plans, and in old foundations a new story was added to existing buildings, or room was provided in some other way. In England all the monastic libraries were swept away by the barbarism of the satellites of Henry VIII. and Edward VI., but Mr. Clark gives good reason for believing that in their fitting and arrangement they are very fairly represented by the older college libraries at Oxford and Cambridge. On these fittings and arrangements, as on the "carrills" of the old cloister libraries, Mr. Clark offers a wealth of illustration. In the earliest stage the books were luxuriously displayed on lecterns or sloping desks, to which they were chained, and at which readers could work standing or sitting. This stage is well illustrated by pictures from a Flemish Boethius (late fifteenth century) and a fresco of the

library built by Sixtus IV., but (though it is unmannerly to ask for more where so much is given) Mr. Clark might with advantage have referred to the funny little picture in Cotton MS. Tiberius A. vii., since this is an English manuscript, and the two double lecterns which Agyographe displays to the Pilgrim are perhaps the earliest representation of a library (not merely a single scribe's study) by an English artist, if artist he can be called. About the beginning of the sixteenth century what Mr. Clark calls the "stall-system" began to come into use, the books being no longer placed on their sides, but standing upright as at the present day, in bookcases from which projected a sloping shelf, often moving on a hinge. Such stalls are still to be seen at Bodley and at several of the Oxford college libraries. Like the old lecterns, they are placed at right angles to the walls so as to get full light from the windows, and in the earlier founded libraries the books continued to be chained, the chapter - house library at Hereford being the most famous extant example of a library of this kind. At Hereford and elsewhere at the end of each press hangs a framed list of all the books it contains, but these shelf-lists seem nowhere to have been added before the seventeenth century. The final change to the modern form of library, in which bookcases are mainly placed against the wall, was made in England in the libraries built by Sir Christopher Wren at Trinity College, Cambridge, and at St. Paul's Cathedral. On the Continent this principle, Mr. Clark believes, was first introduced at the Escorial (completed 1584), and was used also for the Biblioteca Ambrosiana (1609) and the Bibliothèque Mazarine (1647), from which last Wren may have borrowed some ideas. Of all three libraries, as well as of those of Wren, excellent illustrations are here provided.

It will be observed that Mr. Clark does not concern himself with the modern "book stack," for which Panizzi must be held responsible; but for the evolution of the library up to this last basely utilitarian stage his book is a mine of information, not only about the main topics to which we have drawn attention, but also as to reading desks in private libraries and many other details. Starting as he did from the chapter on libraries in the 'Architectural History of Cambridge,' it is with the care of books at the hands of the architect and the carpenter that Mr. Clark is specially concerned, and, save for one or two very incidental references, he has left it to others to point out how the mediæval system of arranging books on their sides influenced their binding, both in the metal bosses by which the leather is often protected, and by the universal absence of any lettering on the backs. Even as late as Grolier's time it is clear that the practice of standing books upright must have been coming very slowly into fashion, for not only his characteristic mottoes, but also the titles of the books, are always stamped on the sides. So many old books have been rebacked that we should hesitate to propose a date for the transference of the lettering to the back. Probably it was fairly common by the end of the sixteenth century; but an inquiry into

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the subject would have been germane even to Mr. Clark's limited theme, as showing at what date the practice of placing books on their sides finally went out of fashion. The last illustration in his book, from the engraved title - page of the works of Dr. John Boys (1622), raises another point, for here the doctor's books, though standing upright, are placed so as to show not their backs, but their fore-edges; and the not infrequent occurrence of the titles of books written on fore-edges shows that this method of standing them was not an individual eccentricity. We suspect, however, that Mr. Clark considers printed books and their evidence as poor stuff in comparison with manuscripts, for the only approach to a complaint which we can level against his nearly exhaustive monograph is that he has omitted (save for the inevitable Book-fool of the 'Stultifera Navis') all reference to the very numerous pictures in printed books issued between 1480 and 1520 which illustrate his subject. Most of them, it is true, only show individual students or lecturers at work at their desks, surrounded by books. But the forms of the desks are sometimes interesting, and in the Herodotus of Venice, 1494, the historian is pictured seated in a library, not facing a lectern, but at right angles to it—a new position for Mr. Clark to consider. In the Abbeville edition of the 'Cité de Dieu' (1486) we are shown what appears to be an episcopal library, into which, sad to relate, a devil has succeeded in finding entrance. In the 'Mer des Hystoires,' again, of 1488, there is a small cut of a spectacled reader standing upright at a lectern, while in the background another is seen at right angles to it, an unusual arrangement, if authentic. John of Doesborgh's edition of the 'Fifteen Tokens' might have been laid under contribution for a picture of a portable book box; and in the 'Danse Macabre' of Lyons, 1499, side by side with a representation of a printing press, there is one of a book-seller's shop, which we believe to be unique. Truth, however, compels us to admit that a writer on the care of books has one very good reason on his side if he refuses to accept the evidence of printed illustrations, for with deplorable frequency these illustrations show that most disgraceful of all sights, books thrown on the floor. St. Thomas Aquinas and Archbishop Peckham are both exhibited by Venetian artists as lecturing with books thus ill-treated in front of them, while other artists, both French and Italian, bring half the furniture of the library out of doors. In an illuminated copy of the 'De Viris Illustribus,' printed at Polliano in 1476, the artist's moral tone has been so lowered by association with print that he has combined both faults, for he shows six books thrown, not on the floor, but on the grass. Their possessor, however, is holding a drawn sword; and it may be urged that he is really a reviewer, and that reviewers notoriously treat books badly. But even the most ferocious reviewer would sheathe his sword before a work of such real learning and scholarship as Mr. Clark's; and if we have suggested a few points which he has overlooked, it is mainly in the hope of tempting him to extend his labours.

Hypolympia; or, the Gods in the Island: an Ironic Phantasy. By Edmund Gosse. (Heinemann.)

Mr. Gosse's new book is in some respects the best thing he has ever done. It is slight and it is whimsical, but there is in it some direct thinking about life, and Mr. Gosse is usually careful to give us only indirect thinking about books. No one since Leigh Hunt, with whom he has many points of resemblance, has been so content to live in the company of books and gossip in a library about his friends on the shelves. His taste and enthusiasm have done much for literature; he has been a good friend. But at the same time the best work he has done has not been about books at all, but about people. In the volume of 'Critical Kit-Kats' he has brought us into contact with some writers of his acquaintance, closer than he has ever brought us to their works. And in his writing about people he has often expressed his sympathy in the form of a gently malicious irony. That is precisely the quality which is for once allowed free play in this "ironic phantasy." It takes place on an island, "hitherto inhabited by Lutherans, in a remote but temperate province of Northern Europe." The time is early in the twentieth century; the persons are the gods of ancient Greece; there are twelve scenes in dialogue, mostly in prose, with a few interludes of verse. Was it not Pater who said, "The way to perfection is through a series of disgusts"? Well, the teaching of this latest gospel according to Mr. Gosse is that the way to disgust is through a series of perfections. It is an apology for life as it is, and the proposition of Dr. Pangloss is confirmed with all the emphasis of insinuation by a pretty masque of immortals, briefly condemned to accept mortal conditions by a momentarily successful revolt in heaven. As the gods find out one by one the compensations of mortality, their regrets for what they have lost drop off in something more than acquiescence in the inevitable. It is true that at the end they go back contentedly to heaven, leaving hope, Pandora's opal, behind them, as no longer of use, or even a noticeable ornament in that collection of curiosities which Zeus had intended to form, on the finest model of the taste of deposed monarchs. But that is because "to cultivate illusion, to live in the past, to resuscitate experience, may be the amusements of mortality, but they mean nothing now to us," says Phœbus, relapsing weakly into omnipotence.

What, then, are the compensations for pain, death, disappointment, and other human ills, which come to seem, to these immortal minds, on the whole so preferable to an unending perfection of things? Each god and each goddess finds out for himself or for herself a characteristic lesson. Nike, for instance, realizes that "the element of real victory was absent where no defeat could be." "I am feeling forward with my finger-tips," she says to Æsculapius,

"like a blind woman searching.....And the real splendour of victory may consist in the helpless mortal state; may blossom there, while it only budded in our immortality?"

"May consist, really," answers Æsculapius,

"of the effort, the desire, the act of gathering up the will to make the plunge. This will be victory now, it will be the drawing of the bowstring and not the mere cessation of the arrow-flight."

Æsculapius himself has discovered that in heaven his position had been "purely academic," and is enchanted at the opportunity of putting knowledge into practice. And it seems to him that there was "tedium in the possession of bodies as durable as metal, as renewable as wax, as insensitive as water." "Life will now," he asserts,

"be for you, for all of us, a perpetual combat with a brine that half supports, half drags us under; a continual creeping and balancing on a chamois path around the forehead of a precipice. A headache will be the breaking of a twig, a fever a stone that gives way beneath your foot, to lose the use of an organ will be to let the alpenstock slip out of your starting fingers. And the excitement, and be sure the happiness, of existence will be to protract the struggle as long as possible, to push as far as you can along the dwindling path, to keep the supports and alleviations of your labour about you as skilfully as you can, and in the fuss and business of the little momentary episodes of climbing to forget as long and as fully as may be the final and absolutely unavoidable plunge."

One is to take one's happiness, that is, where one finds it, making the best of things to the extent of actually believing them to be the best things possible. And one is, above all things, to indulge in the artistic exercise of memory. Eros is reminded of Psyche by the sight of a butterfly, and in a witty dialogue with Hera developes some theories about himself and the misunderstood passion which he represents:—

"I am not, I have never been, a creature of the impulsive passions. The only serious misunderstandings which I have ever had with my illustrious mother have resulted from her lack of comprehension of this fact. She is impulsive, if you will! Her existence has been a succession of centrifugal adventures, in which her sole idea has been to hurl herself outward from the solitude of her individuality. I, on the other hand, leave very rarely, and with peculiar reluctance, the rock-crystal tower from which I watch the world, myself unavoidable and unattainable. My arrows penetrate every disguise, every species of physical and spiritual armour, but they are not turned against my own heart. I have always been graceful and inconspicuous in my attitudes. The image of Eros, with contorted shoulders and projected elbows, aiming a shaft at himself, is one which the Muse of Sculpture would shudder to contemplate."

With regard to his one infatuation, he has already released himself from its bonds, and for that very reason the sight reminding him of her, "the brilliant little discrepancy," her symbol, has called up in his mind all that was delightful in their relations, without any of the disturbance of reality. That, he realizes, is one of the privileges of the most all mind.

We have but indicated a few points in the argument and quoted a few of the deft and serious ironies of this odd little book, written in singularly polished prose, and containing, besides some blank verse, a charming lyric. It is a book to be read slowly, ponderingly, with a lingering relish of its fine flavours. A New English Dictionary on Historical Principles. Edited by J. A. H. Murray and H. Bradley.—Kaiser—Kyx. Vol. V. (Oxford, Clarendon Press.)

THE completion of the fifth volume of the largest, fullest, and best dictionary ever under:aken is a matter for sincere congratulation to the English-speaking public and to all concerned. Most creditable advance is being made, and at last we can look forward to the appearance of the colophon and the announcement of a supplement, as there is a reasonable prospect of the end being reached in ten years. It is a thousand pities that more expert aid cannot be found, so that this period, which is-as Lord Rosebery has sagaciously observed-"a large chunk out of a man's life," might be reduced to a single lustrum, or half the time. The 110 pages before us contain many important articles, such as those on "keen," "keep," "key," "kill," "kind" (sb. and adj.), "king," "knee," "knot," (sb. and adj.), "king," "knee," "knot," and "know." More than twelve columns are devoted to the fifty-eight sections of "keep, in which more than a hundred different uses of the word are illustrated by about 570 dated quotations; while "knot" (sb.) and "know" have nineteen sections each. A feature of this issue is tions each. A feature or this issue is the number of Old English words which baffle etymologists, such as "keen," "keep," "kelp," "key" (of which the pro-nunciation is irregular), "kick," "kill," "kipper," "kite." It would appear that the evolution of new radical elements lingered late in some Teutonic dialects. lingered late in some Teutonic dialects. Outlandish words are conspicuous, e.g., "kakemono" (a Japanese wall-picture), "kalpa" (Sanskrit, "a great age of the world"), "karoo" (South African, a barren, elevated plateau), "kauri" (Maori, a conifer), "kazi" (Arabic, a civil judge or cadi), "keffiyeh" (Arabic, a Bedouin kerchief), "kehaya" (Turkish, a local governor), "kari" (Hebrew), "kerygma" (Greek, preaching), "kirschwasser" and "kümmel" (German, liqueurs), "kitul" (Cingalese, fibre of jaggery palm), "koh-inoor" (Persian), "koodoo" (Kaffir, a South African antelope), "koko" (apparently not "for the hair," Fanti, the taro-plant of West Africa), "kopje" (pronounced as English "copy," Dutch and Boer, a small hill), "koumiss" (Tartar, fermented mare's milk), "kukri" (Hindu, "a curved knife, broader at the point than at the handle"). broader at the point than at the handle"), The phrase "broader at the point" seems to be a contradiction in terms, and we miss a cross - reference from Lord Roberts's spelling "kookri"; as also from "kamsin" to "khamsin," and "kosmos" to "cosmos." Though "killat" (="carat") is properly treated, "kirat" (derived directly from reated, "kirat" (derived directly from Portuguese or Arabic) is wrongly called "an obs. form of carat." Later quotations for "keg," "keystone" in the literal sense, "kiln," "kisser," "kitchen," "knighterrant," "Koran," and "kotow" (sb.) would have been acceptable, while earlier instances might have been added for "kismet" and "kuttar." The Anglo-Indian "kamrack," "kermerik," seem to have as much right to be recognized as words which are not omitted, and as the equivalent "carambola." The absence of "kolometry" is surprising. The use of "kisser" as a slang

term for "mouth" is not noticed, though we find the slang "kid" (sb., humbug). If Dr. Murray admits "kümmel" with the un-English u, it is difficult to know why he should not admit words printed in Greek character; but at any rate under "katexochen" he might have observed, "Often found in Greek character sixteenth century and seventeenth century," and also quoted W. Bedwell's 'Cat'hexochen,' which is earlier than his "catexochen." Under "kerystic" we read "Gr. type \*κηρυστικός, 1 κηρύσσειν, to preach," whereas "Gr." ought to be "Late Gr.," and "\*κηροστικός," \*κηρυστικός. The 'Dictionary' is not responsible for "kerystic" instead of "keryctic." Under "kyriolexy," κυριολεξία should be called "Late Gr.," not "Gr."

The elaborate and thoughtful definition of

"kiss" may cause amusement and possibly give rise to controversy. It is "to press or touch with the lips (at the same time compressing and then separating them), in token of affection or greeting, or as an act of reverence." It would be interesting to know whether the editor is solely responsible for this authoritative utterance, or whether it is the result of discussion and compromise -in fact, the last word of Oxford on the subject. A variant "kemstock," not included in the article on "capstan," is cited from Urquhart's translation of Rabelais. In the 'Additions and Emendations' an earlier example of "halfpennyworth of tar," dated 1631, is given from Capt. Smith's 'Advt. Planters,' p. 30: "Rather.....to lose ten sheepe, than be at the charge of a halfe penny worth of Tarre." This settles the question whether the proverbial saying originally referred to hogs or to sheep, the modern "ship" being a mistake due to dialectical pronunciation of "sheep." Dr. Murray might have suggested the probability that the hogs of his other quotations were, after all, young sheep. The tracing of the sense develop-ment of "keep" and "kind" (sb. and adj.), "knit" and "knowledge" (sb.), is very well worth study. It is interesting to find the slang "nark" (a police spy) identified with "knark" ("a hard-hearted, unfeeling person," cf. Danish knark, an old crabbed person). The Scotch form "kelsouns" (1568) is forty-five years earlier than the earliest instance cited under "calzoons" (=linen trousers).

This issue contains an exceptionally large number of dialectic words, mostly Scotch or Northern English, but "keeve" (tub) and "kiver" (shallow tub) are widely spread. These two words seem to be from an early Teutonic extension by p of the root gu = "be hollow." Many of the dialectic words are well known, thanks to Sir Walter Scott and the recent revival of Scotch fiction: Mr. Crockett, for instance, is quoted for "kirning," "kitling," and "kyte" (paunch); Mr. Barrie for "kirkwynd"; and Stevenson's 'Catriona' for

"kenning" (sb.).

These instances may help the public to realize that the 'New English Dictionary' includes a fairly complete set of full glossaries, in addition to the corrected and supplemented contents of other English dictionaries. It therefore constitutes an indispensable guide to intelligent reading, and, if studied in the light of common sense, will conduce to the choice of good diction for

speech and writing. For example, we speedily learn that "kinsmanship," "kindredness," and "kindredship" are superfluities, to be rejected in favour of "kinship," for which Mrs. Browning's 'Prometheus Bound' is the earliest authority cited, while the longer synonyms are still later. Persons who distinguish themselves by pronouncing the first vowel of "knowledge" long may lay to heart the dictum that the usual shortening is "phonetically normal," while they affect "merely a recent analytical pronunciation after know," and should be thankful they are let off with so mild a censure. On such points it is just as judicious of the lexicographer to speak with authority as it is for him to refrain from condemning or commending modern locutions. The evidence is laid before readers or consulters, and in most cases it is easy for them to deliver a rational varidical.

#### NEW NOVELS.

The Sinner and the Problem. By Eric Parker. (Macmillan & Co.)

MR. PARKER has given us a variant on the method of the kailyard. He has taken a little community, detached its members, told us all about them, described their country, and yet maintained the impression that he has a story to tell. A stern repression of the relative pronoun gives to his style an archaic tinge which rather suits the subject, and the excellence of the setting is some compensation for the lack of interest in the story. Mr. Parker gives his characters fantastic appellations which are not very satisfactory—indeed, they savour not a little of affectation. The Sinner and the Problem, for instance, are two schoolboys, and a preposterous creature labelled the Lady of the Lake masquerades through the book as the heroine.

For Love or Crown. By A. W. Marchmont. (Hutchinson & Co.)

This romance can be recommended to students of the small continental state of modern fiction. Saxe-Lippe does not, indeed, provide such good company for an idle hour as did Ruritania. But we have a passable villain, a redoubtable chancellor, a heartless mother with homicidal mania, a detective, who greatly impresses the hero, and of course all the many officials indispensable to a passage of arms between the authorities of a Central European grandduchy and their natural enemy, a private English gentleman. Stanley Meredith is engaged to his uncle's mysterious ward contrary to her guardian's wishes. The latter's sudden death under a hazy suspicion of foul play makes an eligible baronet of the lover, but follows closely on the startling revelation that Celia is separated by a single life from the succession to the throne of Saxe-Lippe. Intrigues, whose drift is not always clear, begin immediately, and continue briskly enough through the greater part of the story. The Duchess Celia, who is all for love and laughs at crowns, appears, notwithstanding the high spirit attributed to her, as easily drugged or coerced as the hero is duped. Eventually the difficulties attending an alliance with a lady of such expectations are disposed of

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by a great personage from Berlin, who on the death of the reigning Grand Duke takes many readers who demand a "good ending." a line equally convenient to the lovers and

The Glowworm. By May Bateman. (Heinemann.)

THIS is a life story in little-in very little. It is well written, and, though occasionally inclined to drag, in passages of tiresomely close analysis of the heroine and her motives, on the whole interesting. It has no breadth of scope, intention, or has no breadth of scope, intention, or outlook. The writer's grip of life would appear to be intense, but not assured. Her methods are very feminine, but her work is not hysterical and by no means careless. This may be called negative praise, but when one looks about among the works of Miss Bateman's contemporaries of her own sex one realizes that this is to say a good deal. After its own fashion 'The Glowworm' is by way of being a 'Story of an African Farm' laid in Mayfair. It does actually reach Sierra Leone, by the way, but that is near its conclusion, its weakest part. How is it that lady writers of fiction almost invariably weaken toward the conclusions of their various works? The story tells us all about Miss Asenath Grey. At the tender age of five Asenath rebels against constituted authority and refuses to say her prayers :-

authority and refuses to say her prayers:

"I wouldn't because I don't think I quite believe in God. It's true. Nurse doesn't believe in fairy-tales, and yet she says such funny things about Him—that He lives in the sky, and sees everything in Injia and Stralia and other places same as here, and all at the same time. He just couldn't! He'd be so fat and weigh so heavy, those soft skies 'ud never hold Him, He'd fall through."

One is not surprised to learn that at seventeen this hopeful child leaves her home to live in a London flat with a rather shady person whose husband has been divorced, where, to be sure, she takes to writing novels and becomes famous. But though a doubter in spiritual matters, she is prone to believe in, and even to worship, earthly heroes, one of whom she has to marry before she is able to learn that his feet are of clay. Such stories are less in the ordinary way today than they were six or seven years back, when literary geniuses were being "discovered" at the rate of two a week.

The Lover's Progress. Told by Himself. (Chatto & Windus.)

In his "Proem" the anonymous author bids his readers note that "this narrative is a novel in appearance only. Every page of it is based on personal experiences; the joys and the pangs that it tries to describe were really felt." This absolves the reviewer from the task of pointing out a good number of features in this volume which in a novel must needs have been adjudged flaws. Regarding it, then, as an autobiography, we find it a little too long, while certain portions are made extremely tedious by the shallow moralizings of its author. His idioms are not the idioms of cultured Englishmen, yet upon the whole his English is sound and good, considered as the writing of one who by his own statement has spent the greater portion

of his life abroad. There is a facetious sort of egotism which crops up more frequently than is pleasant. Having said so much, one may put aside fault-finding and prophesy that 'The Lover's Progress' will find for itself a large circle of readers. It is the sort of book which one fancies might with advantage have appeared in a half-crown or shilling form at once. If Mr. Clement Scott, Mr. G. R. Sims, and the late G. A. Sala had collaborated upon an imaginary autobiography, and, having consulted M. Zola (referred to in the pages of this book as "M. Rota"), had decided to place the scene of the narrative in Paris, some such a book as 'The Lover's Progress' would, we fancy, have been the result. The strenuous, eventful, rattling life described here is journalistic, theatrical, pseudo - artistic, superficial, good-humoured, and essentially of the pavements and the cafés. The sophisticated in a worldly sense and the unsophisticated in a literary sense may be certain of finding agreeable and varied fare in the

Mr. Elliott. By I. O. Ford. (Arnold.)

A STORY of the nouveau riche. Mr. Elliott is a mill-owner who was once a mere factory hand, and who buys a big country house not far from the scene of his work. His son and daughter receive the best of education as part of his ambitious scheme, and are thus alienated from their early home surroundings and in part from their parents; his wife, however, is incapable of rising beyond the best parlour of a small provincial house, and pines in her splendid prison. The author gives us some carefully studied types, not only in the four members of this family-the effect of the position on each individual being neatly and subtly differentiated-but also in some less favoured (in a monetary sense) neighbouring gentry, and above all in some of the humble folk of the town of Stannerton. "Aunt Sarah," the friend of all-and the cordially disliked of Mr. Elliott-is admirably and convincingly drawn, and so also is the poignantly pathetic figure of John Smith, whose whole family has been sacrificed more or less directly to the factory over which Mr. Elliott rules. It is a sombre-toned story, but one in which most of the characters are really lifelike. Even the inevitable strike is presented with most impressive simplicity.

Reversed on Appeal. By John Ross. (Kegan Paul & Co.)

This is described as a modern Scotch novel. The young lady whose birth is the subject of an action of declarator in the Court of Session is, however, bred in South Africa, and the story opens with the slaughter of her uncle by the Boers in the dark days of 1881. Alec Drummond, however, has previously sent his niece to Scotland, and, though there is nothing of the kailyard about it, the story is national enough. Indeed, Provost Drummond rather deluges us with the stream of vernacular which he pours forth; and two stolid joiners, who are misled by a knavish lawyer to challenge their niece's legitimacy, are also highly idiomatic and tolerably amusing. Maud Drummond is much aided in her litigation by the grave wisdom of a

legal cousin, an exceedingly well-drawn character. In spite of some prolixity and numerous excursions into politics and polemics, 'Reversed on Appeal' is able and readable.

Mousmé. By Clive Holland. (Pearson.) In Mr. Clive Holland's 'Mousmé' we renew our acquaintance with 'My Japanese Wife,' but this time the points of contrast between the manners of Western Europe and Eastern Asia are cleverly enhanced by a background of English society and London life. We realize clearly enough that "East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," though Love may claim, as always, his privilege of making exceptions and endue them with a pathos of his own. The book has some pleasant pictures of Japanese people and places, and some unpleasant ones of English women in Japanese dress.

Mariages d'Aujourd'hui. Madame Lescot. (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)

In spite of being partly told in young ladies' letters, and of being little like real life, 'Mariages d'Aujourd'hui' will be found fairly readable by those who like smooth tales in which for the favoured lovers all comes right in the end.

Der Samariter. Von Ernst Heilborn. (Berlin, Gebrüder Paetel.)

To the novel-reader who appreciates fine character-drawing and does not require an exciting narrative to stir his imagination 'Der Samariter' may be cordially recommended. It is a slight and unromantic story, even commonplace, but never tedious, since the development of a really original and human character keeps one curious and interested to the last. Dr. Heuser, the good Samaritan, with his honest, lovable nature, bent upon realities and governed by illusions, is convincingly lifelike, and wins our sympathy even when he is most disastrously mistaken. In him the author has produced a pathetic and striking study of tempera-ment, and the minor characters also are conceived and sustained with great power. The book is written in a clear, scholarly style, and with an artistic restraint not too common in the German novelist. Occasionally there is a tendency to be unnecessarily precise-a frequent fault in writers of the realistic school, from whom Herr Heilborn has evidently learnt a good deal. But he imitates their virtues more than their vices. Altogether 'Der Samariter' is a fine piece of work.

#### ORIENTAL LITERATURE.

The Brahmo Samaj and Arya Samaj in their Bearing on Christianity. By Frank Lillingston. (Macmillan & Co.)—The growth of the various theistic movements in India during the past century, though sometimes belittled by residents in India, whether missionaries or laymen, certainly merits careful study from those interested in the country. In arousing such interest the clear and handy little "study in Indian theism" before us should certainly do good. As we ourselves pointed out long ago (Athen. No. 3185), in a review of the English works of Rammohan Roy (a collection, by-the-by, not referred to in Mr. Lillingston's 'List of Works'), these movements were at first

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violently and ungraciously opposed by Christian missionaries. But times have changed, and there is now a University Mission in Calcutta, working, we believe, in some sort of sympathy or co-operation with the Brahma-samaj. The present book is dedicated to a mission, and adopts the missionary standpoint, disclaiming position of those who are at liberty to choose between.....opposing faiths." this somewhat serious limitation the work is on the whole well done. The author has made himself acquainted with the main teachings of the early Indian thinkers on whom Rammohan Roy professed to found his system. He also gives a clear résumé of the teachings of the chief popular reformers of the intervening ages. It is, however, a great pity that he did not utilize the golden opportunity afforded by a prolonged residence in Cambridge to acquire a knowledge of Indian philosophy. Though the atheistic, but very ancient Sāmkhya school (referred to in passing by our author) is dead, the teachings of the Vedanta may be said to survive in every town in India; and an enthusiastic German savant recently took leave of his native Indian friends in a harangue wherein he exhorted them "never to give up" the Vedanta, their most precious heritage of thought. How, too, can one really investigate the modern theism of Bengal without mentioning the theistic Nyāya teachers, whose tenets are still discussed there? Such studies also make a European writer realize the real constitution of the Indian mind to-day, as of The typical Hindu thinker has no desire to "appeal to history," often as Mr. Lillingston and other Western disputants may invite him to do so. To him, in a sense little realized by the majority of missionaries, "the Kingdom of God is within." "It is in its "It is in its fundamental subjectivity," writes our author, that we find the weak point of the Brahmo Precisely, so we may find it; but that is why it has had at least some success among the thoughtful classes in India, while Christianity has borne amongst them but little fruit. We wish, however, this little volume a wide circulation both in Europe and India. Its publication will have been more than justified if it should give rise to further literature on the subject, a book from the Brahmos themselves in the form of a full statement of their faith and philosophy, or (better still) an authoritative and compre-hensive study of Indian theism (including Western India, not described here), generated as it is from the contact of a Western national church in which the thought of a Berkeley could find place with Indian thought handed down from a venerable antiquity by teachers like S'ankara and Rāmānuja.

The Tadhkiratu 'Sh-shu'ara of Dawlatshah. Edited in the Original Persian, with Prefaces and Indices, by Edward G. Browne. (Leyden, Brill; London, Luzac Critical editions of the chief historical and biographical works of reference in Persian are much wanted, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the series projected by Mr. Browne will receive encouraging support. For the opening volume no better choice could have been made than Dawlatsháh's 'Memoirs of the Poets,' which comprise the literary history of the so-called classical period, together with a copious anthology and appeal to every Persian student, not only as an invaluable source of information, but also by their varied interest and attractive Composed towards the end of the fifteenth century, the 'Memoirs' are nevertheless, with a single exception, the earliest systematic biography of the Persian poets that has come down to us; indeed, the statement might fairly be made absolute, for 'Aufi's 'Lubábu' 'l-Albáb' is merely a collection of verses, and gives hardly any biographical details. A lithographed text of the 'Memoirs'

appeared at Bombay in 1887, but any one who has worked with Indian editions of Persian texts, especially books of reference, knows that, besides being difficult to read and often corrupt, they are rendered practically useless by the absence of indices. Mr. Browne's edition has none of these defects. As it is intended to circulate in the East, where writing is a fine art, great pains have been taken by Mr. Brill to secure a graceful and artistic type. The result, in our opinion, is exceedingly happy, and affords a welcome relief from the heavy and monotonous, though perhaps more immediately legible, type to which European readers are accustomed. As regards the editing little need be said. Mr. Browne's name is a pledge that it has been done in the most exact and scholarly fashion. Four manuscripts, of which three belong to the Cambridge University Library, have been collated throughout, and many others have been occasionally consulted. Complete indices are, of course, indispensable to a book of this kind, and no person using it will fail to appreciate the labour bestowed upon them. We do not share the editor's regret that it was impossible to increase the bulk of the volume by adding the various readings. Undoubtedly the proper and most convenient place for these is under the text, but as this arrangement would have offended "the æsthetic sensibilities of the Asiatic reader," whom Mr. Browne is anxious to conciliate, the variants must have been relegated to a separate section, the eye fatigued and the temper not improved by the continual necessity of turning backward and forward between widely distant pages, which could never be kept in view simultaneously. Hence it seems to us a fortunate accident that the variants, along with the critical and explanatory notes, have been reserved for a supplementary volume. While heartily congratulating Mr. Browne on this excellent edition, we may call attention to one feature wherein it is probably unique. His Persian preface, so far as we can judge, is a masterpiece of composition, showing marvellous familiarity with Eastern ways of thought. Cambridge has produced many brilliant imitators of classical prose and verse, but this does not read like an imitation, and Persian critics, we believe, will have some difficulty in allowing it to be the work of an Englishman.

Studia Sinaitica.—No. VIII. Apocrypha Arabica. Edited and translated into English by Margaret Dunlop Gibson. (Cambridge, University Press.)—Of the three stories contained in this volume the first and longest is one which Mrs. Gibson has called, from an expression in the opening rubric, 'Kitâb al-Magâll,' or the 'Book of the Rolls.' It was published some years ago in Germany under a different title, but the recension given here from a Sinai MS. is considerably older and exhibits great discrepancies. According to Dr. Nöldeke, whose opinion on such a point is authoritative, the story goes back to the sixth century. It is evidently written, as Mrs. Gibson remarks,

"by a Christian, who has been hurt by the conduct of certain Jews in reviling the Mother of our Lord, and its object is to prove her descent from David, which these Jews were impudently calling in question."

In the second story King Solomon tempts Aphikia, the wife of his vizier, and she dissuades him from his purpose by an ingenious parable. The vizier is Jesus ben Sirach, better known as the author of Ecclesiasticus than as the contemporary of Solomon. The tale of Cyprian and Justina has been immortalized by Calderon, and is familiar to cultivated readers through the legend of Faust. It is printed here in Arabic and in Greek. On a cursory perusal of the Greek text we find such manifest errors as these: ἔως ἄν ἡγγειλαν αὐτῷ τὴν τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀπτασίαν for ἀνήγγειλαν;

προσχών ταις μαγείαις for προσχών; δειλίαν αὐτὴν ὑπέβαλεν for αὐτὴ; μὴ δῶς, correction of MS. μὴ δῶς, which only needs an iota subscript. The punctuation also is erratic at times. It is but fair to observe that, with this exception, Mrs. Gibson's work attains a high level of scholarship, and makes a valuable addition to the series. The volume is adorned by several excellent facsimiles of Greek, Arabic, and Syriac handwriting.

The French occupation of Tunis has borne fruit in a considerable increase in historical research in the Regency. Tunis, of course, has always been an intellectual centre of the Muslim world. Its chief mosque—the Jāmi ez-Zeytūna, "cathedral of the olive"—has trained generation after generation of learned men and theological commentators, and not a few historians of the end of the Middle Ages and of modern times hail from Tunis. libraries have been celebrated for centuries, and contain a large collection of valuable manuscripts, from among which, it will be remembered, Prof. de Goeje obtained the loan of an excellent codex for his recently completed edition of Tabari. French scholars were soon at work upon the treasures of their new acquisition, and many useful memoirs have appeared in the Revue Tunisienne issued by the Institut de Carthage. Some of these have been reprinted, and one of the most important of these publications is the Chronique Tunisienne entitled Tarikh Mechra el Melki, which M. Victor Serres and Mohammed Lasram have translated (Paris, Leroux). It is the work of Mohammed Seghir ben Yūsuf, of Beja, and was composed for the most part in 1763-4, and then carried on to the author's death The chronicle covers the period from 1725 to 1771, with a slight glance at earlier times, and is especially valuable as a record of events which occurred during the author's life, and of which he was frequently an eyewitness and participator. Unlike the usually dry and impersonal Arabic histories, this record is full of vivid portraits, individual traits, and characteristic details. Written in an easy colloquial style, it seldom attempts those rhetorical flights of bombastic rhymed prose which are the highest ambition of the master of Arabic style and the despair of the European historical student; and when Mohammed the Less does by chance venture upon this lofty steed, the translators summarily dismount The omission of decorative periphrasis and long Koran extracts, though objectionable in a classic, seems fully justified in a practical version of a modern historical work. the original text is not printed, it is impossible to check the French version, but as far as can be judged from internal evidence and from the scholarship of the notes, the translation may be trusted. It deals with an interesting period of the Turkish rule in Tunis, the reigns of the first four Beys of the Huseyni dynasty, or Hasīni, as the name is locally pronounced. great event of this time was the revolt of Ali Pasha against his uncle, Huseyn Bey, the founder of the Turkish dynasty which usurped the authority of the earlier Deys. Ali Pasha stirred up the mountain tribes of the Algerian frontier, defeated his uncle's troops, killed Huseyn, and became Bey in his place, only at length to fall in turn to a second Algerian invasion, which set the sons of Huseyn on their father's throne. The success of the mountaineers gives occasion for an interesting digression on the contrast between the military systems of Tunis and Algiers, and much curious information on the condition of the "Koulouglis," to whose unpatriotic indifference the defeat of the Beys was largely due. "Koulougli" is here explained as "son of a slave," from the Turkish koul, and is applied to the offspring of Turks who have married native women. In Algiers, however, we find native women. In Algiers, however, we find Kuloghler and Kuroghler, according to Père

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Dan and Haedo, at the beginning of the seventeenth century, meaning simply children of the soil, natives, in distinction from foreign settlers; and it has been conjectured, in spite of Dr. Murray's dictionary, that this word Kuroghler or Kuroghli is the etymological source of Creole, adopted by Spaniards from the Moors and carried to the West Indies. The Tunis chronicle gives a really graphic picture of the times with which it deals, and besides recording affairs of state, wars, intrigues, and insurrections, throws much light upon the social condition, government, trade, taxation, coinage, prices, and various other matters. There are also sections treating of the numerous buildings founded and adorned by Huseyn Bey and Ali Pasha, and of the libraries they collected, which are among the most interest ing chapters in a book which is all the more valuable because so little has hitherto been published concerning the internal history of the Regency during the eighteenth century.

In a learned introduction to El-Ahkâm es-Soulthânîya, Traité de Droit Public Musulman. par El-Mâwerdî (Paris, Leroux), Count Leon Ostrorog aims at supplying, what has hitherto been wanting in most works on Mohammedan law, a critical examination of the Arab method of dealing with the legal materials of the Koran and the Traditions, written from a lawyer's point of view. The treatise of lawyer's point of view. The treatise of Mawerdî, already edited in Arabic by Max Enger, furnishes a text to which the commentator leads up in his introduction. He follows chiefly the 'Keshf' of El-Pezdewi, the 'Mirâtu-l-Usûl' of Ibn-Ferâmurz, and the 'Mawakif' of El-Idji; and his examination of the derivation of legal pronouncements from the Koran and the sayings of the Prophet, and of the employment of the delicate and difficult science called ijtihad, will be useful to many who cannot refer to the original works. The essay is a good example of clear method and accurate scholarship.

The Voyage Archéologique au Safâ et dans le Djebel ed-Drûz of MM. René Dussaud and Fred. Macler (Paris, Leroux) is principally occupied with the enigmatic graffiti, commonly but erroneously called Sabrean, which are found in considerable numbers on the basaltic rocks in the volcanic region of the Safa, three days' journey south-east of Damaseus. These inscriptions were first noted by Graham in 1857, and studied by Wetzstein in the following year; and since then they have attracted the attention of the leading Semitic epigraphists. De Vogüé, Blau, D. H. Müller, and Halévy in turn laboured at their decipherment, generally assuming that they belonged to the Ghasanide kingdom, and were therefore Himzanitic. yaritic. M. Halévy, however, whilst adhering to the Ghassan theory, denied the Arab tradition that the Ghassanide kings were Himyarites, and came to the conclusion that the Safâ graffiti were composed in a language midway between Hebraic-Phœnician and Koranic Arabic. The difficulty in settling this matter taile. The dimentry in setting this matter is increased by the fact that most of the inscriptions consist merely of proper names, with but little to indicate the grammatical construction. MM. Dussaud and Macler agree with M. Halévy in classing the language of the graffiti with Northern Arabic, and not with Historicity. and not with Himyaritie; but they endeavour to show that instead of belonging to the Ghassanide period, they fall between the second and the fourth centuries of our era. They derive this date from a comparison of the Safaic and Greek graffiti of Nemara, a Roman fortified post between Safa and the Jebel ed-Drûz, where both languages appear to be employed contemporaneously; and we find Arabic names (most of the Safa names are preserved in Arabic) written in Greek, and even in one instance with the lamed auctoris prefixed—if the reading be admitted. The travellers tran-scribed 412 inscriptions at the Safa, and print

them in facsimile, as well as in Hebrew transcript, with notes and translations. The collection is a valuable addition to the literature of the subject, but the last word on the Safâ language has not yet been said. The second part of the volume deals with a large number of Greek inscriptions in the Jebel ed-Drûzsome new, some verifications or emendations of those previously recorded by Waddington and others. The work is carefully done, and furnished with all necessary indices and geographical and historical notes.

#### BOOKS ABOUT THE WAR.

GENERAL FRENCH has been one of the "surprises of the war." When he commanded Buller's cavalry in Wiltshire against the Duke of Connaught he did badly; whether by his own or by Buller's fault was an open question, which soldiers mostly solved by declaring that both did ill enough. French's Cavalry Campaign is an excellent book by Mr. J. C. Maydon (C. Arthur Pearson). The portrait is flattered or too youthful; the record is not flattered, though it is flattering, both to French and to his famous assistant Major (now Col.) Haig, to whom some ascribe all that was well done in French's name. Mr. Maydon greatly praises both General French and Col. Haig, but in his account of the advance on Bloemfontein describes a failure by French which we have already heard of from another book, and adds, "French, for some reason unknown, was quite off his game"; and later, "Then once more the demon of miscalculation took possession of him, and he repeated his blunder of the morning with precisely similar results." We agree in Mr. Maydon's general view to the effect that cavalry is "indispensable," and that the lance is not yet to be consigned to "the limbo of the past." We do not agree in his universal preference for cavalry over mounted infantry, but think both necessary. He says that "cavalry rides better, nurses its horses more, understands their needs better.....shoots not less well," and he wishes to give the cavalry the rifle. We, on the contrary, want to teach regular mounted infantry to manage horses. Mr. Maydon is hard on Lord Methuen. He rightly says that to have waited "would have involved no dangerous delay." The resources of Kimberley "were not even beginning to be. were not even beginning to be strained ..... There was no urgency, then, in this direction." But Mr. Maydon has evidently not seen the orders to Lord Methuen, or the messages sent to him and to Sir Redvers Buller by Mr. Rhodes. Lord Methuen was given a hard task, and, as our author himself prints and later offers the Medder." self points out later, after the Modder "a cavalry regiment.....and two batteries were now brought up, whose presence at any one of these three battles would probably have secured Methuen a handsome and substantial triumph." But these troops had not been, as Mr. Maydon seems to think, at Lord Methuen's disposal until liberated by fresh orders from Buller. It is cruel to assume, as Mr. Maydon does, that the rout of the Highlanders by the first volley at Magers-fontein was due to "following the directions given by Lord Methuen" and "to Lord Methuen's desire that the advance should be conducted in electrometers." In all width conducted in close order." In all night marches close order must be followed, as ex-In all night plained in every book on tactics. The whole difficulty lies in seizing the right moment for deployment, and this cannot be ordered by the general, but must lie at the discretion of the officer commanding the advanced body. With such an enemyall daybreak attacks are risky, but while we have failed more often in them than we have succeeded, the Boershave succeeded in them more often than they have failed. Our author on the whole defends the British private, but admits that in the afternoon at Magersfontein the Highlandersagain "simplymelted away, and

the efforts of the few officers, and the rally of the pipes, were alike vain to stem the retreat."
Of the word "Retire!" which in several cases has produced disaster, he says, "The men persist in saying it was one of the Boers who gave the word." No one who has been in a British firing line doubts the disastrous effect of the modern habit of shouting "Retire!" from man to man. The book rightly ridicules the strategy of the Boers, who "wholly failed to grasp the broad issues of the campaign and the vital points to which they should have bent all their energies." They "failed as signally as our military authorities at least expected them to fail," yet our infantry failed "at every point during the first four months of the war." All this is perfectly true; and it is this failure which has to be critically All this is perfectly true; and examined by the public if our army is ever examined by the public it our army is ever to be improved and rendered capable of taking the field against any power which can combine strategy with hard fighting. Writing in the first winter of the war, our author says, "The need for strict observance of the rules of war is repeatedly being rubbed into us by these mere hunters." Unfortunately, since the date of this remark the same need has continued to be enforced in the same regrettable manner. Mr. Maydon, however, strikes out a new line for himself in his explanation of one source of our difficulties. He (alone, so far as we remember, of all those who have written on the war) states that our British regular reservist is

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"a snare and a delusion. He is able to give rein to all the unsoldierly vices of dirt, shirking, disobedience, or that worse quality—half-obedience. He is the man who on the hot toilsome marches loses his rifle; and he is the man to whom, if to any one, is to be traced the sounding of that fatal word 'Retire!' which has led more than once in this very war to some of its least creditable episodes. He is able to do these things, first, because he knows from his past experience that they can be, and are, done; secondly, because there is to-day absolutely no check upon him."

The reservist is a married man with a family -in some cases taken just at the end of his reserve period in a manner which when he enlisted he did not conceive to be possible: and he has often left a business which is going to ruin in his absence. He sees no prospect of his ever returning home, and believes himself fated to go on until he dies of enteric or is killed. Naturally a strain has been put upon this man which continental writers have repeatedly stated the continental reserves will not bear. The Germans employed their married reservists, even in the short war of 1870, mainly on lines of communication and in places where they were not in danger. We admit to Mr. Maydon that it is difficult to make a reservist fight if he does not want to fight, either by punishment or by reward. As regards punishment generally for cowardice, we disbelieve in awarding penal servitude to men by the hundred, and are convinced that the occasional shooting of a few men would be infinitely less cruel. The old plan was to shoot a few, to flog a great many, and to let off entirely all the rest. Dropping out the middle fate, we contend that this is the right plan: shoot a few, and entirely forgive all the others. We are far from saying that with regard to the reservist in particular Mr. Maydon is right. Col. Daniel, in a text-book for examinations which we reviewed last week, calls the reservist "the mainstay of the army in South Africa." This has been the current opinion. At the same time the battalions which behaved worst in the early stages of the war were, with one exception, battalions containing a large number of reservists.

Messrs. Cassell & Co. publish a most entertaining book entitled Behind the Scenes in the Transvaal, by Mr. David Mackay Wilson. The author seems to think that he will be taken seriously; but his stories are too good, and we confess that he has damaged

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himself with us as a political authority by the extent to which he has raised our mirth or excited our incredulity. He undoubtedly has been in the secrets of the Boers, if, as we believe is the case, he slept in one bed with President Kruger, an event of which he notes, "His Honour slept fully dressed, except that he removed his boots and used them as a pillow." Mr. Wilson has a remarkable belief in Kaffir magic, and credits the Kaffirs with the possession of an elixir of life under which a person can be made to remain for thirty or forty years, from the age of sixteen or eighteen, without showing the slightest trace of age or change.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

IT seems but yesterday that the late Louis Jennings, in one of his delightful books of wayfaring gossip, classed "the fearful man on the bicycle" with the tramp as a feature of those beaten tracks which he warned all who would really see England to avoid. As a matter of fact, when we come to look at the date of the book in question we find that twenty years have gone by since it appeared, and the ful man" is master of the situation. For him and by him the books are now written. With a recent character of fiction he says, "Vere I haf not been it is nod vorth vile to go." title of Mr. A. G. Bradley's Highways and Byways in the Lake District (Macmillan & Co.) accordingly somewhat misleading to the old-fashioned rambler, who by the time he reaches the last page will be apt to ask, Where are the byways? Once, indeed, the author seems to have got his machine over Hard Knott and Wrynose; and once, leaving it behind, he made his way from Buttermere in the direction of Wastdale, though it does not appear whether he ever reached Wastdale Head. With these exceptions, however, the ways which he describes are mainly those along which the daily charabanes roll their -packed cargoes, the highest of the high. It will be seen, then, that the book appeals but little to those who love the Lake District principally for its breezy fells, with their possibilities of mountain adventure; its solitary valleys, where the herons fish the streams and clear pools invite the bather; its ghylls, where red or brown cliffs are draped with bilberry and fern. Even so picturesque a spot as Watendlath, easily accessible, one would think, to a bicycle that could get across Hard Knott, is left unnoticed; while the higher passes, from Sty Head to Nan Bield, are of course wholly outside the author's purview. After all, the "fearful man" still has his bounds which he shall not pass. For those, however, who are content with the highroad Mr. Bradley chats pleasantly enough about Derwentwater, its trout and its earls; about the Maid of Buttermere and the Demon Dog of Ennerdale; about the decay of the "states-men" and the nature of the Herdwick sheep. On the last of these subjects he gives one curious piece of information of which few to the district are probably aware, namely, that, contrary to the usual custom, the flocks which pasture on the fells are the property, not of the tenant farmer, but of the landlord; the reason being that "only sheep bred upon the mountain know the range," and it would consequently be impossible for a new tenant to stock his pastures save with the certainty of half his sheep straying. Mr. Bradley devotes an interesting chapter to the history of John Peel, the hero of the well-known song. Here, again, many readers will be sur-prised to learn that Peel lived into the second half of the last century. The song appears to have been written in his lifetime—indeed, in his presence-and adapted to an old local tune, afterwards elaborated by a Carlisle musician into its present form. A nephew of Peel's, himself a vigorous old gentleman of eighty,

acted as the author's cicerone to Caldbeck. We are rather surprised to find, by the way, that Mr. Bradley, who has a good scent for a legend, should have at least twice passed under Souter Fell without being reminded of the most weird of all the Lake Country stories, the famous apparition of men and horses on the steep slopes of that mountain, repeated, if we mistake not, more than once in varying forms.

The book is, unfortunately, somewhat spoilt both by inaccuracies and by slovenly writing. The Greta never, properly speaking, rose in Thirlmere, and it does so less than ever now that Manchester has dammed the lower end of that lake. The "famous twin crests of of that lake. The lamous twin creats of Langdale" are not 3,000 feet high, or anything like it. No "Mr. Wynn Jones," late or present, ever wrote "an admirable book on climbing in the Lake Country." "Hyperclimbing in the Lake Country." caust" is not a generally recognized form; nor do the best writers talk of a mountain "laving" against the sky. The following and it is not unique in the booksentencecould hardly be beaten for clumsiness: "It was so late in the day when his [Wordsworth's] poems became sufficiently appreciated to sensibly increase his income as to be scarcely worth mentioning." Mr. Pennell has illustrated the book. Some of his sketches, especially when buildings form the principal subject, are pretty; others suggest in about equal proportions a photographic negative and an anatomical diagram. So far as we have ever been able to observe, white mountains and dark skies are not a combination often seen in the Lake Country; nor does the sky-line of the former usually show as a broad black band, sharply defined above and below.

MESSRS. CHAPMAN & HALL ought to please lovers of the English classics with their attractive reprint of The Novels of Richardson in nineteen volumes. The set is commended by a number of pretty, old-fashioned illustrations and an adequate introduction to the novelist, whose claims have been amply and ably considered by such critics as Mr. Leslie Stephen (not "Stephens," as the introduction puts it twice) and the late Mr. Traill. Will modern buyers read or simply shelve Richard-It is reasonable to doubt on the point. At the worst they may find, to atone for merciless prolixity, a heightened sense of absurdity. It seems certain that Pamela's journal will not keep average readers now, as it did Mr. B-, up till three in the morning, but they may note with amazement as well as amusement the excessive sense of duty to masters and mistresses as potentates which, as much as an eye to the main chance, would seem to have kept Pamela on the spot; and also the dismay of female virtue at things considered shocking in Richardson's day. Compare, for instance, in somewhat similar situations lovers offering clothes to Pamela and Evelyn Innes. The one faints at that which makes the other pleasur-ably excited. Clarissa is to the modern eye of more durable material than Pamela, whose "virtue rewarded" smells of the Adelphi or the About Sir Charles Grandison significantly little has been, or is, said. The ladies, Richardson and posterity agree, are Richardson's triumph, though one may have a really unwarrantable regard for his gay men who whistle "Whew!" when "one rapturous instance follows after another," and hope the heroine will come down to their pitch and let them put in a word or two. But we hope that the reader of to-day (passably discourteous on occasion) will take the trouble to ascend to an English classic which was almost a foreign classic, too, if only by way of variety to sinking into the easy vulgarity of some modern heroines.

HAVING already said that Trollope is unduly neglected, we are glad to welcome Mr. Lane's neat reprint of Doctor Thorne. The little

book is of convenient size, but the print is rather too near the inside edge of the pages. The same publisher has added *The Zincali* to his popular little reissue of Borrow's books.

Miss Nancy Bailey's full index to The Parliamentary Debates, contained in Vol. C., Title, Appendices, and General Index for the Whole Session 1901 (published for the Stationery Office by Wyman & Sons), continues to show the vast improvement upon the old index to Hansard which we noticed last year. Among the documents prefixed the list of public Bills reads oddly. It is printed without change from the last list printed by the House of Commons. Such a list is both imperfect and misleading. It cannot show Bills introduced in the Lords which failed to reach the Commons, and it gives the note "2nd Reading Sat. Aug. 17" for all private members' Bills which were still on the paper when the last day came. These should have been marked "[Dropped]," like the others which had dropped before the prorogation, as they dropped by it. There is another return printed on a later page which gives them all over again, correctly, as "Bills which were introduced into but not passed by the Commons." Motions for adjournment are Motions for adjournment are also given twice over (on p. lxxiv and, in greater detail, on p. lxxviii). The "notices of motions which now stand in the order book of the House of Commons for the next session" were not worth printing, and the word "now" is hardly correct. The index itself, which is, we imagine, the only part of the volume which concerns Miss Bailey, the rest of it being a mere unintelligent reprint of Parliamentary papers, is admirably executed, while the undertaking is most difficult. In view of the hardness of her task, Miss Bailey is to be warmly congratulated.

Dr. Rendall's translation of Marcus Aurelius has been reprinted in the "Golden Treasury Series" (Macmillan), "for the reader rather than the student." The introduction and the text have undergone a judicious process of revision and simplification, much of the crabbedness of the original being softened. Marcus in this delightful form ought to make many new friends. The public which is supposed to read might take the Roman philosopher as a corrective to the Persian.

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#### PROF. LIDDELL'S 'CHAUCER.'

THE very courteous and in one respect too generous references to my "Globe" text of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' in Prof. Liddell's letter of last week have rather embarrassed me. I hope that in the near future there will be as many editors at work on Chaucer as on Shakspeare; but I hope also that we shall be content to let the critics find out the distinctive points of our respective texts, without ourselves making comparisons.

My main reason for troubling you with a letter is that Prof. Liddell speaks of the "Globe" edition as containing the best popular text" of the Canterbury Tales, as contrasted with other under the contrasted with the contrasted with the contrasted with the contrasted with the contrast of the contrast o specified editions, and that if the comparison is intended to be with Prof. Skeat's

text. I wish to dissociate myself from a criticism which, as coming from a former collaborator, may seem to be made with my consent. A similar comparison (vide 'The Chaucer Canon, pp. 19, 20, courteously shown to me in proof) has already caused Prof. Skeat some annoyance, and as it rests on the exaggeration of the importance of very small differences, it is quite misleading. As to the suggestion that the examination by the late Dr. Zupitza (to whose name that of Dr. Koch should surely be joined) of a number of previously unclassified Chaucer MSS. has rendered the texts of all Prof. Liddell's predecessors out of date, I beg respectfully to differ. The "Globe" text, like that of Prof. Skeat, is founded on a collation of the seven manuscripts printed by the Chaucer Society, and no new manuscripts have been printed, though several ought to be. As regards the relations of five of these seven manuscripts, the opinion expressed in the "Globe" preface is identical with Prof. Liddell's summary of Dr. Zupitza's results. As regards the Cambridge Gg manuscript, Dr. Zupitza appears to have found others sufficiently like it to raise the Gg type to the distinction of a group. I have some doubt as to whether in the 'Pardoner's Tale' (on which the Zupitza classification is based) the Gg scribe had got back to his usual text, from which in the previous Tale he widely departs. But I do not think that Prof. Liddell would dispute that as a rule Gg is in very close agreement with the Ellesmere, and this is the Globe" position.

There remains the eternal crux of Harley MS. 7334. That this manuscript exhibits many similarities to the Corpus and Petworth groups was stated in the "Globe" preface, and so far I am in agreement with Prof. Liddell and Dr. Zupitza. The "Globe" preface, however, goes on to say

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"there can be no doubt that its readings are often extraordinarily careless, and even absurd. On the other hand, it has a number of readings.....as good as or better than those found in any other manuscript, and many of them of a kind which it is very improbable that a copyist would have introduced in transcription. The most probable explanation seems to be that many of these readings represent Chaucer's own 'second thoughts' introduced into a MS, which passed through his hands after the Tales were already in circulation, and that the Harleian MS, is a careless copy of this manuscript."

In 'The Chaucer Canon' (p. 25) Prof. Skeat paid me the very high compliment of adopting this. theory as sufficiently expressing his own view. It shows Chaucer doing for the 'Canterbury Tales,' though to a much smaller extent, what we know he did for the 'Troilus,' and what we know was done on a large scale both by Langland and Gower. The theory may be right or wrong. That it is honestly held by (I believe) the only two men who have worked through, not a single Tale, as was the case with Dr. Zupitza, but the whole Canterbury cycle, some half dozen times apiece, is at least something in its favour. Prof. Liddell prefers to try to boycott the Harley MS. altogether. But unless his highly technical definition of the word "critical" is to be extended to include absolute agreement with the views of Dr. Zupitza and himself, I think both his original claim to have produced the first really critical text for any part of the 'Canterbury Tales' and the explanation now given unfortunate.

For the comfort of the ordinary Chaucerlover. I may add that the differences in question, though naturally interesting to editors, are in themselves of only trifling importance. If Prof. Liddell is right, I do not think we can continue to assert that Chaucer never wrote an unmusical line. But I doubt if in all the 'Canterbury Tales' there are many more than twenty lines in which it is possible for editors to adopt readings making any really important change in the sense, and in these few cases it is only a question as to which reading shall be

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recorded in the text and which in the notes. I wish also to say that I am quite sure that Prof. Liddeli's remarks are dictated not in the least by any desire to exalt his own work, but solely by an admiration for the achievements of his teacher Prof. Zupitza in which I cordially agree.

Alfred W. Pollard.

#### BARING THE FRET AT WORSHIP.

November 2nd, 1901.

I AM not entitled to deal with Mr. W. R.
Paton's contention, raised in the Athenœum
of the 19th ult., that baring the feet at
worship is connected with the taboo of the pig;
but, no one else having attempted to do so, I
am induced to state that within my personal
experience I know of no Fastern shoe ritual
which offers any confirmation of this novel
presumption, in support of which Mr. Paton
seems to me to strain the quotation from
Juvenal vi. 159-60 from its fair use.

In India Hindus and Mussulmans alike wear both sandals and shoes (slippers), and the latter boots also. The sandal (the word is Persian) was evidently the original covering for the feet over all Southern and Eastern Asia, while the shoe was probably introduced into India by the Persians, Afghans, and Mo(n)gols, together with the "tip-tilted" (Hittite and Etruscan) boot. Both are usually made in India of leather, but never of pig-skin; and while the shoes are always coloured red or yellow, the boots are generally brightly parti-coloured; both, among the upper classes, being also richly embroidered in gold and silver and variegated silk thread, and with spangles, bugles, and seed pearls, after the manner of the ancient Persian boots represented on Greek vases. But, of however rare and costly elaboration, the invariable rule is to remove them after entering a private house, just when stepping on to the mat or carpet on which the visitor takes his seat. They must be cast off - the right boot or shoe first-before the worshipper enters a temple or mosque, and it is still regarded as an absolute profanation to attempt to enter either fully shod. But the domestic habit arose out of its obvious propriety, and the religious ritual of "the Shoes of the Faithful," now and for centuries past observed throughout Islam, can be demonstrated to have been dictated by, if indeed it be not derived directly from, the universal social etiquette of the East.

There is not anywhere a single prohibition, accessible to me, of Muslimun wearing shoes in their mosques. In the authorized collection of Sunni lawknown as the 'Hidayah' (literally "guidance") it is laid down that, if there be any dung, or blood, or other defilement on the shoes of a worshipper, they must be rubbed with dry earth to cleanse them again and make them fit to pray in; and when dry earth is not at hand, the masah is an express pre-scription for their ceremonial and legal cleansing, by wetting the three middle fingers of the right hand in water and drawing them across the shoes or boots. Again, it is related of the Prophet Mahomet himself that he prayed sometimes in his shoes, and sometimes barefooted; and again that, once having taken off his shoes at prayers, the Companions took theirs off also, when being asked by him why they did so, and they answering, "Because they did so, and they answering, "Because of thy example," the "Apostle of the Lord" replied, "Verily I did it but because of some filth on my shoes the Angel Gabriel pointed out to me. Therefore look well at your shoes ere ye pass into the house of prayer, and if there be any foulness on them, wipe it off and then enter and pray in them." It is further related of Mahomet that, being asked to say authoritatively what ritual his followers should observe in the matter, the "Seal of the Lord" replied, "Do the very opposite of the Jews, who do not pray in their shoes." There is the truth of human perversity in this tradition, which recalls the complete formula of the *Muslimun* fighting symbol, "There is no god but God, and He is not one of three."

Now that the superbly picturesque, but submissively imitative people of India have taken to the denationalizing fashion of wearing English stockings and American "pumps," it has become most embarrassing for them to remove the latter on entering a private house or a temple, or even mosque, and in my time this question was constantly "kicking up a dust." How it has since been laid I know not, but I presume that the principle of the greatest convenience of the greatest number has again triumphed, and one more of the subtle chromatic enchantments of the high-shadowed streets of the great polytechnical and mercantile city of Bombay, with its towering Jaina temples, painted, story upon story, like macaws, faded into the common light of our everywhere encroaching industrial, social, and religious Western life. George Birdwood.

#### MRS. VINER ELLIS.

The recent death of Mrs. Viner Ellis demands more than a passing notice from all lovers of books. She belonged to a literary family; she was an elder sister of the Rev. James Raine, D.C.L., canon and Chancellor of York, a well-known archæologist, and her younger sister, Mrs. Alfred Hunt, is not unknown in letters. She herself, by the advice and with the encouragement of her friend the late Mr. George Bell, the kindly old publisher, who knew her powers, edited 'Evelina' and 'Cecilia,' and also Miss Burney's 'Early Diaries' (never before published), with a charming, gossipy preface. She also wrote 'Sylvestra,' a book which is the delight of those who are like-minded with herself, but has hardly any plot.

She was born in 1828, in a picturesque, un-comfortable old hall by the side of the Wear. The old gabled house, with a secret passage under the stairs, was just fitted to set young minds dreaming of romances. Dr. Raine, her father, whom his friend Surtees of Mainsforth playfully addressed in the Mainsforth playfully addressed, in the metre of 'Drunken Barnaby,' as Pluvialis Iacobe, was an accomplished draughtsman, and had an unrivalled knowledge of mediæval MSS. and literature. He and his friend Surtees composed several "Border ballads" and sent them to Sir Walter Scott, who, accepting them as genuine, gave them a place in his 'Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border,' and even quoted a large part of one in 'Marmion.' Dr. Raine was a person of strong character, resembling in many ways Mr. Jonathan Oldbuck of Monkbarns. easy to trace the influence of his old-world pursuits on the minds of his family, to whom, boy and girls alike, he made a point of teaching the Latin grammar, which he regarded not as a means of enabling its learners to read Latin authors, but as an end in itself. From the Northern city, where when she was born the bishop was still Earl of Sedbergh and Count Palatine, she went often to Ely, where her uncle Dean Peacock was engaged in repairing the injuries which centuries of neglect and vandalism had inflicted on his cathedral. To this end he had collected round him some of the leading lights of the Gothic revival, then in full swing; and the girl found that in leaving the North for the South she had only exchanged the society of one set of enthusiastic antiquaries for that of another.

There is a peculiar, subtle aroma about all cathedral closes, a sort of pot-pourri of decorous canons and faded dowagers dwelling among interesting architectural surroundings in a land where it is always afternoon—where the silence is only broken by the leisurely cawing of the rooks in the tall elms, or the

chiming of the bells in the mellow summer air. All this feeling will be found to the full in Mrs. Ellis's work. 'Sylvestra,' her chefd'œuvre, must not, we repeat, be treated as a mere novel, as in that case it will disappoint its readers. It is not a chronicle of how "he" married "her." Its key-note lies in the words, "Before 1789 people had time to triffe, and let us triffe tenderly, writing of times when men could triffe." But hers is an erudite as well as a subtly humorous trifing, and the reader who can enjoy her quotations from odd unknown writers, her quaint conceits and quips and cranks, will find that insensibly he has learnt a great deal about the habits of his countrymen (and especially women) in the times before the French Revolution and the long war with Napoleon evolved the very modern times in which we live.

As a letter-writer Mrs. Ellis was unrivalled. It is another of the arts which flourished during the "quiet century" which she loved, and is almost forgotten in days of telegrams

and postcards.

#### THE ELLIS SALE.

MESSRS. SOTHEBY, WILKINSON & HODGE sold on the 4th inst. a portion of the library of the late Mr. F. S. Ellis. Very high prices of the late Mr. F. S. Ellis. Very high prices were realized, as the following quotations show: Wm. Blake's Songs of Innocence and Experience, 1789 and 1794, special copies prepared by the artist for his friend Edward Calvert, 700l. Coryat's Crudities, first edition, John Davies of Hereford's copy, 1611, 601. Drayton's Poems, with the Battaile of Agincourt, first edition, 1619-27, 351. Keats's Endymion, first edition, finely bound by Cobden Sanderson, 1818, 1311. Lamb's Elia, first series, first edition, presentation copy, 1823; and second series, a new edition, 1835, 771. John Mark Leit Carren Person Noted. Series distinguished. Marbeck's Common Prayer Noted, first edition, 1550, 2021. William Morris's Love is Enough, first edition, large paper (25 copies printed), finely bound by Cobden Sanderson, 1873, 1771.; Sigurd the Volsung, large paper, presentation copy, finely bound by Cobden Sanderson, 1887, 1111.; A Dream of John Ball, &c., large paper, presentation copy, finely bound by Cobden Sanderson, 1888, 991. Kelmscott Press: Story of the Glittering Plain, 1891, 22l.; the same, printed upon vellum, presentation copy, 114l.; another, 751.; Poems by the Way, presentation copy, on vellum, 1891, 601.; Defence of Guenevere, on vellum, 1892, 401.; Caxton's Troye Book, on vellum, 1892, 611.; News from Nowhere, presentation copy, on vellum, 1892, 391.; Reynard the Fox, presentation copy, on vellum, 1892, 441.; Shakespeare's copy, on vellum, 1892, 441.; Shakespeare's Poems, on vellum, 1893, 911.; Order of Chivalry, presentation copy, on vellum, 1892-3, 411.; Wolsey's Life, on vellum, 1892, 441.; Godfrey of Bologne, on vellum, 1893, 511.; State of Chivalry, 1893, 511.; 56l.; More's Utopia, on vellum, 1893, 5ll.; Sidonia the Sorceress, on vellum, 1893, 48l.; King Florus, on vellum, presentation copy, 1893, 38l.; Keats's Poems, on vellum, 1894, 74l.; Psalmi Penitentiales, on vellum, 1894, 741.; Psalmi Penttentiales, on vellum, 1894, 271.; Savonarola, De Contemptu Mundi, on vellum, 1894, 271.; Shelley's Poems, on vellum, 1894-5, 891.; Syr Percevelle of Gales, on vellum, 1895, 221.; Herrick's Poems, on vellum, 1895, 591.; Colcridge's Poems, on vellum, 1896, 571.; The Well the World's Find on vellum 1896. Poems, on vellum, 1896, 57l.; The Well at the World's End, on vellum, 1896, 56l.; Sire Degravaunt, on vellum, 1896, 18l.; Chaucer, on paper, Dove's bindery, 1816.; Chancer, on paper, Bove's binkery, 1896, 1121.; the same, on vellum, bound by Douglas Cockerell, 5101.; the Original Ink Drawings from Burne-Jones's Designs for the Chaucer by R. Catterson Smith, 8001.; The Floure and the Leaf, on vellum, 1896, 201. 10s.; The Shepheardes Calendar, on vellum, 1896, 501.; Syr Isambrace, on vellum, 1897, 201. Forty four Woodcuts from Burne - Jones's Designs to illustrate Cupid and Psyche, 74L Purchas's Pilgrims, 5 vols., 1625-6, 53L Swin1

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#### Literary Gossip.

THE 'Studies in History and Juris-rudence' of the Right Hon. James Bryce will be issued from the Oxford University Press very shortly. Mr. Bryce's two columes treat of diverse topics, yet through nany of the studies runs a common thread, hat of a comparison between the history and law of Rome and of England. The author states that his aim has been to bring out the importance of the constituional and legal element in history.

THERE is to be a slight innovation in connexion with the December issue of Chambers's Journal, which will be an extra Christmas part. By way of illustrating a paper, Memories of Millais, 'by Mr. W. W. Fenn, two small early drawings of Sir John Millais, mentioned in the article, have been reproduced and are to be given away with the part. Other subjects include a paper of reminiscences by Mr. G. M. Fenn; 'Peculiarities of Politicians,' by Mr. E. J. Moyle; a paper on the West India plantations, by Dr. Aubrey; and the remarkable story of the ast Irish highwayman, Michael Collier. The part will be strong in fiction.

Messes. Cassell & Co. are publishing an illustrated edition of 'Social England,' which has been carefully revised. There will be about 2,500 pictures and numerous coloured plates, reproduced from authentic sources. The first volume, with 400 illus-rations, besides plates and maps, will be

published this autumn.

THE Religious Tract Society will very shortly issue an important work from the pen of the Rev. John Batchelor, entitled The Ainu and their Folk-lore.' Mr. Batchelor has spent nearly twenty-five years in close and friendly intercourse with the Ainu. Consequently he knows the people, their language, their customs, and modes of thought better, in all probability, than any other European. He has also paid great attention to their legends and folk-lore.

THE Senate of the University of London have decided to issue a Gazette under the editorship of the Principal. The first number will be out on November 23rd, and about twenty numbers will be published in the course of the year on alternate Saturdays. The examination lists will be given in supplements, which may also be published separately for special purposes. It is hoped that the Gazette may not only be useful to the large number of teachers and students who are now connected with the University, but also may furnish to graduates living at a distance from London interesting information as to its progress and development.

MR. R. B. MARSTON, the treasurer of the R. D. Blackmore memorial, informs us that

Hardy, Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Edward Marston, Mr. Rowland E. Prothero, Mr. Clark Russell, and Mr. Harrison Weir. Clark Russell, and Mr. Harrison Weir. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. R. B. Marston, at St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane. Special efforts are being made to secure American co-operation.

MR. JOHN STUART, of the Morning Post, writes to us in regard to our notice of his 'Pictures of War.' We have not space for a controversy between him and our military critic on the conduct of the men in the field at certain engagements, but he has a right to ask us to make his position clear. Mr. Stuart complains that three or four quotations from his account of Lombard's Kop, officially known as Farquhar's Farm, involved the use of words "out of their context for the purpose of casting reflections on the bravery of the private soldier," and he writes to insist on hisopinion that, "taking him all round, the private soldier is a thoroughly brave man." Mr. Stuart attributes the blame for Lombard's Kop to the Intelligence Department, and thinks that "the most desperate bravery..... could not have altered the situation." Our military critic thinks otherwise, and as he believes, from the evidence contained in the letters of officers, that many of the men of "the two battalions of the 60th" did not behave well, he not unnaturally quoted words which seemed to confirm that view.

'BALMORAL, THE HALL OF MEMORIES,' by Innes Adair, is the title of a new work on the King's Highland home by a Scottish lady journalist, who prefers to be known only by her pen-name. Messrs. T. & A. Constable are to print the volume, the edition of which is limited to 300 copies. Mr. James Forbes, H.M. Commissioner, has corrected and approved of the matter in the book.

By an unfortunate "break off," from which no printer can claim total immunity, the announcement of the number of copies issued of Mr. Grant Richards's 'Edinburgh Folio Shakespeare, on p. 581 of our last issue, appeared as 64, whereas it should have been 640.

THE Early English Text Society is sending out to its members this week: (1) its re-edition of its 1866 volume 'King Horn, Floriz and Blauncheflur, and The Assumption of our Lady,' by Dr. G. H. McKnight, of Ohio University, each poem giving the whole of its three MSS., with introduction, notes, and glossary; (2) Part II., completing the 24,382 lines of "The Pilgrimage of the Life of Man, englisht by John Lydgate in 1426 from the French, A.D. 1335," and edited by Dr. Furnivall from three incomplete MSS. Into this last poem Lydgate has thrust a long prose treatise on the Virgin as "The Consolation of Hertes that ben oppressed with Tribulacion," and unluckily the end of the first section of this (p. 447 in the print) is lost from John Stowe's copy of the MS.

THERE are some very interesting early English printed books in the six days' sale which Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge will commence on December 2nd. Unfortunately many of them are imperfect, but he has already received over 100*l*. towards the fund. The committee includes Mr. Blackwood, Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Thomas laturately many of them are imperieut, but perfect copies of books printed before 1600 become scarcer every year. The example from Caxton's press is the first edition of

R. Higden's 'Polychronicon' in English, circa 1482, but it wants all the preliminary and several other leaves. The Roxburghe copy (one of only two quoted by Lowndes) of Young's translation of Boccaccio's 'Amorous Fiametta,' 1587, is one of the excessively rare books in the sale; it is complete. An imperfect copy (193 leaves out of 218) of the 'Ordynarye of Crystyante or of Crysten Men,' from Wynkyn de Worde's press, circa 1506; a similar copy, with 198 genuine leaves, of the first edition of the 'St. Albans Chronicle,' 1483-4, with the ninety-nine leaves wanting supplied in MS.; a slightly defective example of Pynson's edition of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales,' 1526; and one of Wynkyn de Worde's issue of the 'Polychronicon,' 1495, are among the more striking of the mutilated early printed books. There is, however, a perfect copy-Thomas Hearne's-of Baldwin's 'Canticles,' 1549, the first to occur for many years. A large copy of another extremely rare book, Robert Whittington's 'Myrrour or Glasse of Manners and Wyssedome,' 1547, may also be mentioned.

THE 'Literary Year-Book' is extending the utility of its 'Directory of Authors,' and proposes to add under each name and address a list of principal works, with publishers and date of issue, as well as the date and place of birth of each writer. If this list is carefully compiled it will prove most useful for purposes of reference.

J. H. ROSNY is announced from Paris as the author of 'La Guerre Anglo-Boer,' in parts, the first of which is to appear on November 23rd. An edition in Dutch is to be delivered to combatants by the care of the Transvaal Government, and part of the profits will be under the guidance of Dr. Leyds, who is described as "ministre plénipotentiaire des républiques sudafricaines."

EVERY Frenchman is said to be, or to have been, a journalist, and a recent census of the French press would seem to bear out this. Paris can boast just now of nearly 3,000 journals, of which forty-two were started in 1900. The dailies number 140, the weeklies 781, the monthlies 938. In the provinces there are 3,849, or 123 fewer than at the census of the preceding year. The patriarch of all is the Gazette de France, which was founded in 1631. As regards the number of Paris dailies, it should be mentioned that some of the 140 exist only in title, for in several instances the same matter is utilized under different names.

THE press and prominent literary men in Germany have united in honouring Leopold Sonnemann, the founder and publisher of the Frankfurter Zeitung, and one of the leaders of the democratic party in Germany, who has just celebrated his seventieth birthday. The fearlessness and love of justice which have been characteristic of his political life led to his founding his paper in 1856, when he discovered that existing papers shrank from revealing certain flagrant abuses.

THE death is announced of Leopold Kayszler, born in 1828, a well-known publicist and journalist. A newspaper editor since 1872, he was taken prisoner by the French earlier when representing the Berlin press in the Franco-German war. He was

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best known as the editor of the Post from 1874 to 1893.

THE death is also announced of Dr. Bruno Schoenlank, whose Leipziger Volkszeitung was an advanced but brilliant organ of Socialism.

#### SCIENCE

Annual Reports of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.—Seventeenth Report, 1895-6. 2 vols. - Part I. of Eighteenth Report, (Washington, 1896-7. Government Printing Office.)

THE Director of the Bureau, Major Powell, observes in the introduction to his seventeenth report that the primary purpose contemplated by the statesmen who instituted the Bureau in 1879 was the practical definition of tribes in such terms as to guide officials engaged in grouping the Indians in reservations. It was soon found that the necessary researches led to other results of great interest. The development of the sesthetic and also the industrial instinct among the American aborigines, the stages in the organization of the community that arise out of the marriage relation, the course of linguistic development, the beliefs and religious practices of the Indians, had all to be studied, and the study has been most fruitful. The three portly volumes before us, comprising 1,957 pages of text, adorned with 282 plates and 522 figures, are not the least useful and original of a valuable and instructive series. The actual reports of the Director, in which he gives a summary of the work done by himself and his assistants, though ably written and full of interest, form only a small portion of the volumes. The main contents are the "accompanying papers," which in the present instance, to take them in geographical order from south to north, deal respectively with the Seri Indians of the Isle of Tiburon in the Gulf of California and of the adjoining mainland of Sonora in Mexico; with the archæology of Arizona; with the dwellings of the Navaho Indians in their reservations on the borders of Arizona and New Mexico; with the Kiowa Indians and their restless movements from Montana to their present reservation near Oklahoma; and with the Eskimo about Behring Strait. This is not the precise order in which the papers appear, which is probably determined by the time at which the MSS. reached the hands of the Director, but is a convenient order to follow for the purpose of our comments on the papers.

Dr. W. J. McGee's expeditions in 1894 and 1895 to Seriland were attended by Mr. W. D. Johnson, a topographer, who made maps of the district, which had not before been surveyed, and was, in fact, dangerous ground. The Seri Indians are jealous of the presence of white men in their territory, and had not long before murdered two American citizens who visited it. A punitive expedition had been sent, but without effect, as the island is practically inaccessible, except to native boats. They are equally hostile to all other Indian tribes, and have never allowed of admixture with any other. The expedition had the assistance, however,

of Signor Pascual Encinas, a pioneer settler on the mainland, who had won the confidence of the natives, and it had also the active support of the Mexican authorities. By these means a considerable amount of information was gained as to a people who have for centuries kept themselves to themselves, and who accordingly represent a wholly exceptional condition of primitive savagery. They have not even arrived at their palæolithic stone age, being content, for the purposes for which they require stone, to use pebbles in the rough, except indeed where they need it to make arrow points. Shells and bones and similar animal products, with wood and cane, are much more freely employed. Their social organization is purely matriarchal, the husband joining the wife's clan and leaving his own. Intermarriage within the clan is as strictly prohibited as is marriage outside the tribe. The women of the several class appear to be distinguished by face-painting—almost the only decorative art they practise. They make jars of clay, necklaces of wooden beads, and baskets of vegetable fibre. Their habitations are temporary huts, consisting of a framework of stems of bushes filled in with shrubbery, about four and a half feet high and ten or twelve feet long, open on one side. They have obtained from the Mexicans scraps of iron, which they use for various purposes, and it seems they have words for numerals as high as fifty. They are physically fine, and some of the men

exceptionally tall.
Dr. J. W. Fewkes was engaged in Arizona from May to September, 1895, with several scientific assistants, in collecting for the National Museum objects illustrating the archæology of the south-west, especially that phase of Pueblo life pertaining to the so-called cliff houses. He obtained over 1,000 specimens, the majority of which were fine examples of mortuary pottery. These are illustrated in a series of thirtysix beautiful coloured plates by Mrs. F. W. Hodge. Dr. Fewkes in the first instance made an examination of cliff dwellings and other ruins in Verde valley, and then explored the district called Tusayan, now inhabited by the Moki or Hopi Indians, who are, in his opinion, descendants of tribes that formerly occupied a considerable territory in that region. Tusayan pottery is, in his judgment, superior to any pottery made by ancient or modern Indians north of Mexico. It cannot be looked upon as the product of a savage people destitute of artistic feeling, and the character of the manufacture has greatly deteriorated since the middle of the sixteenth century. The especial interest that it possesses is in the evidence the symbols used in the decoration afford as to the beliefs and practices current when it was made. This is both negative and positive. The ancient pottery rarely figures the cornmaid, or the masks representing spirits called kateinas, and the clown-priests associated with them, all favourite objects in modern Tusayan pottery, while the majority of the ancient symbols are incomprehensible to the present Hopi priests. Very few human figures are found, but these show that the symbolic custom among the maidens of wearing a whorl of hair over each ear is of great antiquity. A trace

of the little war god of Hopi mythology al is seen. The great plumed snake does not appear, but a serpent curved so as to connect the tail with the head, and several unknown reptiles, are found. In these and many other respects light is thrown on the beliefs and social characteristics of the Pueblo builders.

change held is To turn to the Navaho reservation, little further to the north-east, Mr. Cosmo Mindeleff, who contributed papers on his researches in Arizona to the thirteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth reports of the Bureau, furnishes an account of the houses or hogáns of the Navaho Indians to the second part of the seventeenth report. The ingly the winter hogáns are the real homes of the people, and the form and construction of these are dictated by certain rules and a long line of precedents. Their summer age, an shelters are largely exempt from such rules It is the custom to place the houses in out-of-the-way places, so that the first impres-sion of the traveller is that the region is almost uninhabited. The winter huts resemble mere mounds of earth hollowed out. but are warm and comfortable. They are dedicated for occupants by an elaborate and careful ceremony. Strong forked timbers interlocked together in the shape of a cone Eskimo panies in Nort form the framework, stout poles are placed against it to make the sides, and the whole well covered with bark and heaped thickly with earth. To the Navaho the structure is the "house beautiful." The door frame will be about 2 ft. wide and 4 ft. high; the interior from 12 ft. to 18 ft. in each direction; the height under the apex 7ft. A kind of recess from 8 in. to 15 in. deep is made on the western side to accommodate and th the masks and fetishes of the shaman, or medicine man, when a religious ceremony is performed in the hogán. The summer shelters are described as of all kinds and of all degrees of finish, some of them not so high in the scale of construction as an ordinary bird's-nest. Half an hour of work by two men with axes is all that is required to erect one of them. From these rude types there is an unbroken range up to the standard winter hut, which is as comfortable in warm weather as in cold. Mr. Mindeleff describes also the sweat houses, and gives the ceremonies and songs used at the dedica-They in

tion of a house. Further to the east is the reservation for the Comanche, Apache, and Kiowa Indians, and Mr. James Mooney gives a history of the last-mentioned tribe, which from 1833 The ne to 1892 is based upon pictographic calendars kept by themselves, similar to the Dakota calendars published by Col. Garrick Mallery in 1877. Of these there are four: two kept by Sett'an and Doháran, and twoyearly from 1864 and one monthly from 1889 to 1892—kept by Anko. The yearly ones record for each summer the holding of the sun dance, if one took place, and for each summer and each winter the principal event. The sun dance is usually held in June, and its great central figure is a small image representing a man dressed in a robe of white feathers, with a feather head dress. The office of keeper of this image or taime is vested in a descendant of the original becomes and from 1830 to 1870 was held keeper, and from 1830 to 1870 was held by Ausó-te, or Long Foot. The image was existen captured by the Osage Indians in 1833 in a

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massacre, recorded in the calendar by the picture of a severed head with blood flowing from the neck, and a bloody knife, as as to "the summer that they cut off our heads." In consequence of this loss there was no sun several se and dance for two years, when peace was made and the taime was restored in ex-change for a horse. The sun dance then of the held is recorded as the "cat-tail rush" sun ion, a dance, having taken place on a spot where Cosmos many of these rushes grew. The image was again captured by the Utes in 1868, on his teenth, was again recorded as "the sun dance when the Ute killed us." Though the Kiowa were greatly distressed at its loss, they had provided The f the themselves with a substitute; and accordingly the sun dances were not interrupted until 1870, when Long Foot died of old age, and his successor was not appointed until two years afterwards. Other events recorded in the calendars are epidemics of smallpox and measles, represented by a man covered with red spots; and of cholera, by a man in the agonies of cramp.

Proceeding now to the extreme northl out. west, we have the longest and in some respects the most important paper of all in the memoir of Mr. E. W. Nelson on the y are e and Eskimo about Behring Strait, which accompanies the eighteenth report. He resided in Northern Alaska from 1877 to 1881, for the purpose of making meteorological observations, and took occasion to study the natives, with the primary purpose of collecting their typical productions for the National Museum, but also with the purpose National Museum, but also with the purpose of observing their tribal customs, social regulations, beliefs, and ceremonies. At that time the people had been but little in centact with American civilization, and the records made by Mr. Nelson, which failure of health unfortunately mer prevented him from immediately preparing d of for publication, present a picture of a people in a fairly aboriginal condition.

an Since then the introduction of missionary schools and the gold - mining excitement have tended to change the old life of the people. Already some customs, such as the wearing of labrets, had begun to fall into disuse. Tattooing was universally practised among the women. The ethnological specimens collected number about ten thousand. They include a marvellous variety of implements for hunting and every conceivable domestic purpose, some carved into animal forms, others adorned with picture etchings. The necessity of enlivening the long, dull evenings of an Arctic winter has led to the invention of many games and the construc-tion of toys, and to the observance of numerous prolonged festivals, in which masks of every variety of shape and form are used. The great feast for the dead lasts five days, the bladder festival six. The Russian priests uly had not, in Mr. Nelson's opinion, shaken the belief of the Eskimo in their ancient for religion, but had merely rendered them more secretive than formerly upon religious matters in the presence of white men. When all they saw the priests in embroidered robes performing the offices of the Church they believed they were witnessing the white man's method of celebrating a mask festival. They believe in witchcraft, and also in the eld existence of two or three shapes of the ras spiritual essence, or soul. One is formed as exactly in the shape of the body, is sentient,

and destined for a future life. Another has a form exactly like that of the body, and is the lifegiving warmth; it is without sense, and takes flight into the air when the person dies. A third is supposed to remain with the body and to possess certain evil powers, but Mr. Nelson was not able to obtain more definite information about it.

One circumstance worthy of note is the moderate expense at which all this good work is done. In the year 1896-7 Congress voted 9,000l. for the Bureau, which was expended as follows: salaries, 6,450l.; travelling and field expenses, 770l.; drawings and illustrations, 290l.; specimens, 75l.; library, 300l.; office rent, 200l.; temporary services, 250l.; supplies, 350l.; and the remainder in smaller items which need not be specified. His Majesty's Treasury may well be willing to equip our own Ethnographic Bureau if, as we do not doubt, it is capable of doing work as well and as cheaply as the Bureau of American Ethnology.

#### MEDICAL LITERATURE.

A Treatise on Medical Jurisprudence. By G. Vivian Poore, M.D. (Murray.)—Medical jurisprudence, though one of the many subjects in the curriculum of a medical student, is often that in which he takes the least interest, his attendance at lectures on this branch of medical study being perfunctory. No doubt this is largely due to the way the subject is treated by the majority of writers and lecturers. This recent treatise by Dr. Poore marks a distinct advance on previous works; it is based on lectures delivered at University College, and we can only regard as unusually fortunate those who have been able to attend them. As a work on medical jurisprudence it is complete, but in addition to this the author has succeeded in producing a decidedly interesting book, containing numerous anecdotes and accounts of interesting legal cases, told with much quiet humour, so that even the lay reader could not fail to appreciate many parts of it. It is the most complete work of moderate size on this subject we have met with, and a vast amount of information is contained in its five hundred pages. This is not the place for any detailed criticism of a technical work, but the section on insanity and the legal relations of the insane is particularly deserving of notice. This is unusually well furnished with excellent photographs of cases of the chief types of insanity, and forms one of the best parts of the book. The appendices are very full, and contain many important tables and statistics. We have no hesitation in predicting that the book will have a large circulation, and will be heartily welcomed not only as a manual for students, but also as a work of reference by medical practitioners.

Diseases of the Heart: a Clinical Text-Book for the Use of Students and Practitioners of Medicine.

By E. H. Colbeck, M.D. (Methuen & Co.)— Any book on the diseases of the heart is naturally exposed to much criticism and comparison with the numerous and important works on this subject which have appeared during the last few years. The works of Bramwell, Sansom, Broadbent, and others are so exhaustive that at the present time there would appear to be little need of further treatises on this branch of clinical medicine. But these are mostly to be regarded as works of reference, and it is to supply a want which has been long felt for a small yet complete manual suitable for advanced students that Dr. Colbeck has written this book. The subject has been treated with considerable success, as in a volume of comparatively small dimensions the author has given a suffi-ciently full account of the anatomy and physio-

logy of the heart, and a clear and succinct description of its various forms of disease. The best chapter in the book is that on congenital diseases of the heart, and this forms one of the most complete though condensed accounts of this condition that we have met with. The arrangement of the different chapters, each arrangement of the different chapters, each subdivided into short sections or paragraphs with distinct headings, will be found of utility to students. We have noticed no serious omissions in the book, and we have no doubt that it will be welcome, as it contains a wellarranged mass of information on this important subject which could hitherto only be obtained by the perusal of some far larger work.

It is probable that John Hunter's training as a biologist gave him that insight into many of the processes of disease which made him a master pathologist. Until lately this training was wanting in his successors, who never rose above the rank of morbid anatomists, and for many years pathology made no advance. The application of Darwin's theories to disease, the study of developmental processes, and the growth of embryology have revolutionized pathology during the last twenty years, and have brought it nearer to Hunter's ideal standard. But there are few pathologists who can correlate the facts derived from these sources with those obtained from morphology, and comparative pathology has not yet been much studied in English-speaking countries. Prof. Woods Hutchinson, the writer of Studies in Human and Comparative Pathology (Glaisher), which Dr. Edward Blake has edited, possesses the knowledge needed for a successful study of comparative pathology combined with a singularly clear style. His studies in human and comparative pathology are most interesting and suggestive. He tries to explain many of the unhealthy conditions to which organs and tissues are liable by light derived from their ancestral history. He comes to the conclusion that the older an organ or tissue in the ancestry of a living being, the greater is its physiological stability—that is to say, the less subject is it to disease. "For," he says,

"the longer a given organ has performed its function in an adequate and satisfactory manner (and this is, of course, simply what is meant by the remoteness of its appearance in the family tree) the more likely it will be to continue to perform that function, it will be to continue to perform that function, undisturbed by any influences which may be brought to bear upon it. The mere presence and history of such an organ. for instance, as the stomach (which goes back to the hydra, or even in an impromptu form to the amoeba itself) are a standing 'certificate of good behaviour' for the past fifteen or sixteen million years, and, like all other such 'characters,' would be entitled to considerable weight in calculating its probable performances in the present and the future."

The lungs, on the other hand, are singularly prone to disease. They appear for the first time, and in a morphological sense de novo, at the level of the amphibia, with no invertebrate history whatever, and but the merest fragments of history in the longest and largest portion of our vertebrate family tree. The lungs, therefore, are things of yesterday, morphologically considered, as compared with any other of the great organs of the body. The same is true of the breast and uterus, which are also especially liable to disease; and not only do these organs appear late in the pedigree, but, in the human body at least, they cease to be functional whilst the rest of the body is in the full vigour of life. They are the starting-points of three-fourths of all cancers which occur in the entire body, "for," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson, "functional says Dr. Woods Hutchinson, "functional isolation precedes the pathological autonomy of which cancer is a remarkable example." The author's enthusiasm for his subject occasionally outruns his discretion, as in the case where he over-elaborates the curative action of a cold bath on the ground that

"our most ancient ancestral surrounding was cool sea water of a high degree of salinity and a con-siderable percentage of carbonic dioxide—in short,

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precisely the condition we find in the shallow lagoons in which animal life probably originated." The book, however, is to be highly recommended to the general reader of biological tastes, because it affords abundant food for thought; to the medical man and the veterinary surgeon, because it explains the process of disease in men and animals; and to the pathologist, because it is a valuable contribution to the study of comparative pathology.

#### THE DUMBUCK CRANNOG.

Inveralian, Helensburgh, October 28th, 1901. WITH reference to the criticism passed by

Mr. Romilly Allen on the bone knife and the stone pendant with ornamentation, I beg to say that the implement was picked out of the débris during the excavation by Mr. John Smith, Monkredding, Kilwinning, a noted Scottish antiquary and geologist. In reply to my inquiry as to where the knife was found Mr. Smith states :-

"We first cut away a bit of surface, and came to what appeared to be a pavement of rounded stones, all, I should say, less than a foot in diameter, and they had certainly never been disturbed by the excavations carried on previous to my visit. After clearing away the stones we cut through one or two small tree stumps (6 in. or 7 in. in diameter), and under these we came on a lot of articles. I threw out the stone knife, and noticed it first and washed it."

Mr. Smith then adds :-

"I need scarcely say that I am perfectly sure that it was a genuine Dumbuck crannog antiquity, as well as all the articles got that day. I may say that all the material excavated that day was what quarrymen called 'unforced,' i.e., earth, soil, or debris which has never been before turned over."

With regard to the stone pendant, this I myself saw on another day taken out of the debris, and can certify as to its genuineness. The fact of carving being on the pebble was not noticed until it was taken to Edinburgh, where it was washed and cleaned of the mud which adhered to it. JOHN BRUCE.

Bordighera, October 21st, 1901. WITHOUT argument upon any of the theories advanced upon the very curious objects brought from Dumbuck, and fully appreciating the humorous suggestions of some of them, may I be permitted to suggest a site for exploration which might set all questions regarding them at rest? This is the Staonaig crannog, in the island of Iona, certainly in my opinion the most promising site for investigation within my knowledge.

J. A. GOODCHILD.

#### SOCIETIES.

SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.—Nov. 4.—Mr. C. Mason, President, in the chair.—A paper was read on 'The Main Drainage of Ilford,' by Mr. R. Gaskell Hether-

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mox. Royal Academy, 4.—'The Lower Extremity,' Part I., Prof. A.
Thomson.

— Geographical. 8].—President's Address; 'The Uganda Protectorate, Ruwenzori, and the Semliki Porost,' Sir Harry
Johnston.

Tuzs. Colonial Institute, 8.—'Rhodesia: its Present and Future,' Mr.
F. Johnson.

r. Johnson. Institution of Civil Engineers, 8. - The Discharge of Sewage into a Tidal Estuary, Messrs. W. Kaye Parry and W. E. Adeney.

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Mrd. Society of Hiblical Archeology, 43.—'Some Unconventional Yiews on the Text of the Rible,' Part II., Sir H. H. Howorth.

Thurs. Loyal Academy, 4.—'The Lower Extremity,' Part II., Prof. A.

Mathematical, 51.—'Linear Court.

Thomson.

(athermatical, 5).—'Linear Groups in an Infinite Field.' Dr.

L. B. Dickson; 'Note on the Algebraic Properties of
Pfaffians, Mr. J. Brill; 'On Burmann's Theorem, 'Prof. A. C.

Dixon; 'The Puiseux Disgram and Differential Equations,'
Mr. R. W. H. T. Hudson: 'Determination of all the Groups
of Order 163.' Dr. G. A. Miller; 'An Outline of a Theory of
Divergent Integrals.' Mr. G. H. Hardy; 'On the Representation of a Group of Finite Order as a Fermutation Group, and
side. Composition of Fermutation Groups, 'Frod. W. Burnside.

Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 8.—' The Balancing of Lecomotives,' Prof. W. B. Dalby.

THE Society for Coal-Smoke Abatement is going to hold, by permission of the Duke of Westminster, a meeting at Grosvenor House on the afternoon of Wednesday week. The action

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of the Society has proved highly beneficial, especially among the factories of Westminster; and in other places, too, it has brought about an abatement of the nuisance, but it needs more subscribers, and stronger support from Londoners generally. It seems odd that science should not by this time have done more towards attacking the problem of the fog which enshrouds us.

A STRIKING example of the munificence of the Hon. Walter Rothschild is to be seen in the Mammal Gallery of the Natural History Museum, to which he has not only contributed a very fine example of the elephant seal, but also a handsome case for its preservation.

THE death is announced on Friday last week, at fifty-three, of Dr. Alexander H. Bennett, who, besides contributing much to learned journals, was the author of several valuable books on paralysis and epilepsy.

THE death in his forty-fifth year is also announced of Dr. A. König, Professor of Physics at the Berlin University and formerly assistant of Helmholtz.

THE next International Congress for Physiology will be held at Brussels in 1904.

PROF. BARNARD has contributed to No. 508 of the Astronomical Journal the results of a long series of observations of the satellite of Neptune made with the 40-inch telescope of the Yerkes Observatory, together with those of a previous series obtained with the 36-inch of the Lick. On several occasions he was able to measure micrometrically the diameter of the planet itself, the results from the Lick observations (reduced to the mean distance from the sun) being 2".433, and from the Yerkes 2".436, which are in such close agreement that we may consider the size of Neptune to be accurately

DR. K. SCHWARZSCHILD, of Munich, has been appointed Professor of Astronomy at Göttingen and Director of the Observatory there, in succession to Prof. Schur, whose death on July 1st has been already noticed in the Athenæum.

#### FINE ARTS

MONOGRAPHS ON ARTISTS.

Luca della Robbia. By the Marchesa Burla-macchi. Illustrated. (Bell & Sons.)—Despite her Italian title and name, the author, if such we may call her, writes like an Englishwoman, and treats her unusually fresh subject in a manner and mood which are by no means Italian So far as familiarity with the tondos, panels, and statues of the potent ceramist and sculptor is concerned, there is nothing lacking here. dustry and the examination of Della Robbia's output, very much of which was really a sort manufacture involving repetitions of ideas which had become hackneyed, have helped the Marchesa wonderfully, and the whole, despite the dulness of many pages, is "well worth the money," as people say. It is noteworthy that nothing on as people say. It is noteworthy that nothing on the subject has hitherto been published in Eng-lish as good as C. Perkins's 'Tuscan Sculptors.' This book, which we reviewed at some length five-and-thirty years ago, deals with Luca and his relation Andrea della Robbia in a more or less sufficient, but by no means exhaustive style. In France the facts were otherwise, and 'Les Della Robbia' of Barbet de Jong and M. Reymond's comely work with the same title, which was issued four years since, rival the ambitious texts of MM. Cavallucci and Molinier in every respect, while all of them deal with the Della Robbia family carefully, critically, and skilfully. Even in Italian the texts of Vasari and Bode, precious as they are, are the leading works on the themes of the Marchesa Burlamacchi, and she has wisely made them the staple of this book. By common consent that superb masterpiece, the ten panels of the Cantoria of Luca, inspired with a veritable rapture of

design, demands and deserves the greatest sha design, demands and deserves the greatest share of attention from every student of the marble work of the epoch; and our author, though she slips in saying that there is a complete cast of the panels in the British Museum, is right in giving a large portion of her text to descriptions, analyses, and anecdotes of these fine compositions. A whole group of documents, reprinted for the first time in England, concerning this singing gallery forms a valuable appendix, for which we are grateful to the author. Conjoined which we are grateful to the author. Conjoined to this we have similar details concerning other works of the Della Robbias, such as the bronze gates at Florence, the less known bas-relief at Urbino, and the sepulchre of Bishop Federighi in Sta. Trinita, Florence. Over and above such additions we find the will of Luca, with its bequests to nephews, nieces, and pupils; and a catalogue, compiled with conspicuous liberality, of the Della Robbia monuments and very numerous other works, such as tabernacles tondos, reliefs, medallions, and the like. casts from the Cantoria are at South Ken-sington; at the British Museum students may look in vain for them. Now and then the Marchesa shows the weakness of her critical faculty, as when she writes, "We can judge for ourselves that in technical skill he [Luca] often equals Ghiberti, whom several authorities in art declare to have been his master." She is happier in what follows, thus: "On the other hand, in many of Luca della Robbia's first works we find an unconscious tendency to imitate Donatello, of whom he possessed the vigour and originality." The fact is that, in our opinion, Luca was not an imitator of Donatello, while he, and he alone of his compeers, approaches near to the "vigour and originality" of that artist, though in technique he does not rank with Ghiberti. The numerous cuts before us are all very good and clear, to which end the calcina di p lent itself freely. They are likewise as illustrations well chosen.

Andrea del Sarto. By H. Guinness. Illustrated. (Bell & Sons.)—Hitherto, the author avers, the real greatness of Del Sarto has been too little understood, in its simplicity and frankness and naturalness; and for the most part the public, who are not themselves artists, will the public, who are not themselves artists, will always remain more or less ignorant of what is revealed in his vast field of colour and technique, where the laws of aërial perspective and the treatment of chiaroscuro are always kept in such perfect equilibrium. The latter portion of this dictum must in its narrower represented. But as to the notion sense always be accepted. But as to the notion that the vast capacity of Del Sarto has not hitherto been appreciated by the public of laymen, we feel, restricting the term to men of taste and poetic sympathies, that such an idea is founded on limited knowledge and a narrow cost of appreciation of the facts of the care. In sort of appreciation of the facts of the case. In the first instance, simplicity and frankness, to say nothing of naturalness, are not by any means the leading elements of Andrea's power over the minds and hearts of spectators. On the contrary, a noble sense of style, a stately reticence (the outcome of a lofty range of cul-ture not less than of thought), and a masterly knowledge of the highest conventions growing out of the art of his forerunners Fra Barto lommeo, Michael Angelo, and Raphael-who themselves frequently adopted certain motives Leonardo had developed and made current out of an older epoch of art—pervaded Del Sarto's work from the first. Messrs. Crowe and Caval caselle had long ago noticed the "product of the association between Andrea and Francia-bigio" in the pictures which they executed conjointly in the cloister "Dello Scalzo," now in the Via Cavour, which is an extremely early example of our subject's art. Franciabigio in his dry and timid way reflected much that belonged to the earlier masters, and the share of Del Sarto is distinguished by the dignified energy of his conception, the firmness and range of his draughtsmanship (which approaches that

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of the great Frate), and the rare tact and selfof the great Frate), and the rare tact and selfrestraint of his compositions. There is in the
Uffizi a later picture of Del Sarto's known as
'Ia Madonna dell' Arpie,' the conception, composition, and large style of which might almost
be ascribed to Fra Bartolommeo, though the
faces are of types as mannered as usual with
Del Sarto. The enormous influence of predecessors is recognizable (1) in the 'Charity' of the east of ght in Louvre, a conventional design in the grandest Louvre, a conventional design in the grandest mood, distinguished by an unusual unrest in the treatment of the draperies; (2) in the fine 'Holy Family' of the Pitti; (3) in the Florentine 'Cenacolo'; and again not less potently in the world-famous 'Madonna del Sacco.' These fine things do not commend themselves to us at all by their "simplicity" and trealness," while as to the public approach. "frankness," while as to the public appreciation of Andrea's merits, it is difficult to think of any old master's picture—except the 'Last Supper' of Da Vinci—which is better and Supper' of Da Vinci—which is better and more widely known by engravings, models in relief, and photographs than the admirable lunette popularly known as 'Del Sacco.' Sometimes Andrea reminds us of Sodoma, as in such pieces as the enraptured 'St. Agnes' at Pisa; and not seldom the grace of Raphael himself has given a charm to the productions of the has given a charm to the productions of the later master; but in no case, except in portraits, is simple "naturalness" one of his appeals to us. Nor can we call this master a great colourist in any correct sense of the title, though indeed we call him very great on other grounds, such as tone and a sad sort of charcecure, consummate knowledge of form of a rare order, and (perhaps the most precious feature of his designs) that epical concentration of thought and purpose which doubtless Mr. Gunness refers to when he speaks of Del Sarto's maintaining the central point of interest in his pictures. After the publication of so exact, searching, and sympathetic a criticism as exact, searching, and sympathetic a criticism as that of Browning on the painter, it can never be said that the public is ignorant of "what is revealed" in his pictures. Mr. Guinness quotes some part of this poem with just appreciation and aptitude, but it is not possible for us to qualify our admiration for it by admitting that "its subjective utterances could never have come from the simple lips of the artist himself." We do not agree. In no fair sense do we find "simplicity" of any sort in the manifestly highly cultured mature of Del Sarto, his art and his life, in the addendary of his portraits, manifestly faith. adure of Del Sarto, his art and his hie, in the addened air of his portraits, manifestly faithful as they are, or the morne and introspective mood his eyes reveal. Nor did Browning, as he told the present writer, recognize "simplicity" in Del Sarto's life; he thought, as we do, that the painter's biography as given by Vasari affirmed his weakness and self-indulgence and the art arms facility of his art, great as that is the extreme facility of his art, great as that is. Apart from such points as these, Mr. Guinness's convenient and well-arranged book is welcome. On another point we differ. As to studying Del Sarto's works he remarks, "Research in the collections of private houses in England is a more difficult matter [than on the Continent].
The English mansion, with some few exceptions, does not open readily to a fellow-countryman." A long experience affirms the reverse of our author's statements.

THE SOCIETY OF MEDALLISTS AND MR. LEGROS AT THE DUTCH GALLERY.

Those who are curious about the new coin-Those who are curious about the new coinage will find at this exhibition models of the reverse of the shilling and florin by Sir Edward Poynter which will satisfy them that no change in style is contemplated so far as these go. They are of the same safe, unprestatious, and unambitious character as the latest issues of Queen Victoria's reign. We may eartainly be well content with this negative virtue when we contemplate the monstrous offspring of the "art nouveau" which disfigures.

the recent impressions on French coins. Sir Edward Poynter can indeed be trusted in such a matter to attempt no extravagant novelties. He exhibits another model, this time for a medal for the Cambridge History Prize (No. 81), in which the inspiration of a well-known Greek coin is perhaps too naïvely confessed. It is true that he has modified slightly the profile, but in a direction which makes his head suggest a smart maidservant rather than any heroic or ideal character. Nothing could be further than this result from the Greek original he fervently imitates. Mr. Rothenstein, on the other hand, approaching the medal from the side of a penetrating study of character-istic form, has struck out a real likeness of sentiment and method to Greek medal work-a likeness which is not due to any mere imitation of style, but to the fact that the limitations of his material and the peculiarly trenchant modelling which its slight relief demands have modelling which its slight relief demands have forced him to interpret and symbolize form in a similar way to that of the Greek artists. The pure and ample curve of the chin, the frank use of a convention by which the lip is sharply defined from the face, the simplified planes of the cheek and eye orbits, the absence of any of that vague "atmospheric" quality which has crept into the medal from other modes of expression, make this a distinguished and remarkpression, make this a distinguished and remarkable performance. We have seen no other modern medal in which the problems of the art have been so clearly understood or the epigrammatic terseness of expression which becomes it so thoroughly achieved as in this mask. If only the rest of the head and bust came up to the maskit would be deserving of even higher praise, but in the treatment of the hair and the drapery and in the line of the neck and shoulder certain reminiscences of the allusive methods of modern draughtsmanship have stolen upon the artist. Instead of discovering some clear-cut form which might stand for what was no doubt vague and indecisive in nature, he has translated the vagueness into his work, and so given up the very problem which the medalist sets out to

The only other medals which appear to us to show real appreciation of the nature of the art are Mr. Holroyd's three pieces. Of these the portrait (65), evidently of Mr. George Meredith, pleases us most. It is modelled with great sensitiveness and refinement, but it is in the really beautiful composition that its greatest charm lies. The proportion of the head to the round of the medal is an unusual one, and has enabled the artist to find a very beautiful harmony between the lines of the head itself and the curve of the medal, a harmony which aids immensely in the effect of dignity which it conveys. It is only necessary to compare this with Mr. Tweed's portrait of the same person (72) to realize how much scope for the art of composition there is even in so apparently simple a matter as the placing of a profile head upon a round. Mr. Holroyd's head of Chaucer (63) interests us less, but the reverse (64) shows again his power of composition and his fine sense of style in this mode of expression.

A new sculptor, Mr. R. F. Wells, makes his début in this exhibition. He is, we understand, quite young, but his small figures of peasants show unusual promise. They are pervaded by a strong reminiscence of Millet's peasant types, with something of Meunier's sculp-turesque effects of blunt angularity. Sometimes, as in the head of the woman in No. 53. the sentiment seems to have been accepted at second hand, but in others, especially in the study of a baby (52) and the boy whittling a stick (54), there is evidence that Mr. Wells is going to be much more than an imitator.

The greater part of the exhibition is taken up with the works of the President of the Society, Mr. Legros, though he does not on this occasion exhibit medals. We have so recently discussed

his landscape painting that we need add little on this occasion. They are mostly quite recent pieces here, and it is pleasant to find that after a period in which his work, especially his etchings, seemed to have lost something of his early directness of handling, he has regained his old certainty, and with an added grace and suavity in the quality of his line. Some years ago he seemed to be beset with doubt as to the value of his original motives; he would experiment endlessly, with alterations and corrections. Nothing, however, could be more assured in its statement of the idea, more unhesitating in line, or more closely knit in its batters than his recent ethics. rhythm, than his recent etching Repos du Berger (29), while his sepia drawing Epidémie dans le Village de la Mort is one of his most perfect compositions. Mr. Legros is the only modern artist who can treat a danse macabre with sufficient sincerity, or can approach the subject in a sufficiently simple spirit, to give it the grim poetic horror which mediæval artists felt and expressed so intensely. There is in his drawing here no affectation, no self-conscious posing about the idea of death, such as one finds in the macabre scenes of Parisian artists like Willette; it is, for all its weird fantasy, intensely realistic. The gestures of these peasants crouching in the shadow of a wall, helpless spectators of Death's agile posturing, are absolutely real in their gauche simplicity. It is not the realism of circumstance so dear to the modern mind, the realism of detached and analytic observation, but a strange survival in Mr. Legros of that spirit of passionate acceptance of the harshness of actual life which marks the art of his own Burgundian

THE CHIGI BOTTICELLI.

For the next week Londoners will have an opportunity which none of them who admire Italian art should miss. The Chigi Botticelli, on its way, like so many Italian masterpieces, to America, will remain on view at Messrs. P. & D. Colnaghi's for these few days. Even for those who know Botticelli well this picture will be something of a revelation. For it is in such excellent preservation that those finer shades of modelling which have disappeared from most of his works are here preserved. The face of the angel who offers the symbols of the eucharist to the infant Christ is in particular remarkable for this. It shows a study of the expression of transient and complex phases of emotion which one scarcely expects in Botticelli, and which seems already a foretaste of Leonardo.

It is a youthful work, done at the time when the influence of Pollajuolo had just succeeded to Fra Filippo Lippi's. How tonic and salutary that influence was on a temperament like Botticelli's one may see by the logical consequence and completeness of the structural design of this picture. Scarcely any of Botticelli's easel pictures have figures so firmly knit, so accurately related to one another within the ideated space of the one another within the ideated space of the picture. Botticelli was as yet immature, but in the direction of structural draughtsmanship he never went beyond this; his feeling for unbroken melodious line seduced him later away from this strenuous research for solid modelling. But his want of maturity at the period of the Chigi 'Madonna' is, we think, also seen in another and perhaps a less pleasing way. The composition of the figures is admirway. The composition of the figures is admir-able, but one feels that the architectural screen behind proved an awkward and uneasy device. The proportion of the members of supports, architrave, and cornice is not satisfactory, and, moreover, the lines of architrave and one support abut at awkward angles on the contour of the Virgin's head, while the whole structure comes to an abrupt and unexpected termination to the right, allowing a strip of pale bright sky to fix the eye too pointedly on the extreme cdge of the picture. Botticelli in later years,

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though his taste in architecture was always uncertain, learned to co-ordinate his compositions and to focus the attention more surely than he has done here.

The quaint mystical conceit which forms the subject of the picture shows that Savonarola's teaching only stirred up anew, after the pagan-ism of Botticelli's middle period, a sentiment which was always inherent in his temperament.

#### fine-Art Gossip.

TO-DAY Messrs. Carfax & Co. open a small collection of pictures by Mr. William Orpen, while yesterday Mr. Herbert J. Finn, at the Modern Gallery in Bond Street, began his show of water-colour drawings of York Minster, Durham Cathedral, and Oxford, and Dutch sketches.

CRITICS are asked to view next Tuesday and Wednesday the show of the members of the Society of Portrait Painters at the New Gallery. —On the same days Messrs. T. Agnew & Sons, at their Old Bond Street galleries, are opening their seventh annual exhibition on behalf of the Artists' General Benevolent Institution.

At the Woodbury Gallery in New Bond Street Mr. Claude Hayes invites attention to his water - colour drawings of scenery in Surrey, Norfolk, and North Wales.

THE Water-Colour Society Art Club, 5A, Pall Mall East, will hold its exhibition of drawings by members at that address on the 14th, 15th, and 16th inst., ten till five o'clock.

M. Eugène Burnand's 'Christ's Prayer after the Last Supper' is on show at the Dowdeswell Galleries.

Mr. Hodson, of Compton Hall, Wolverhampton, the owner of four MSS. of the 'Canterbury Tales,' of thirty-five autograph copies of William Morris's works, of many drawings of Legros, Burne - Jones, &c., has been entrusted by the Wolverhampton Council with sole charge of the art section of their exhibition to be held next year. They hope that it will nearly equal the Glasgow one. At any rate Mr. Hodson means to do his work thoroughly. He has put the decoration of the art rooms into the hands of Morris & Co., who did his own drawing-room from William Morris's designs, and so lenders of pictures and drawings may be sure that their loans will be exhibited to the best advantage.

MR. J. FULLEYLOVE, who for some time past has been painting among the ancient cities and other historic sites of Palestine, will shortly return to this country in order to complete his preparations for an exhibition of his more recent works, including that above mentioned, which, in or about March next, will be held in the Fine-Art Society's rooms, New Bond Street.

The proposal of the vicar of St. Faith's, Stoke Newington, in favour of erecting a memorial in his church (where the deceased artist was long one of the wardens) to the late James Brooks, will meet with the approval of all students and lovers of architecture who are familiar with the fine and original designs of this modern architect.

M. BENÉDITE, the conservateur of the Luxembourg, is organizing a special exhibition of the works of M. Félix Buhot, the graveur aquafortiste. It will comprise about 100 examples, and include pastoral scenes of Valognes, where M. Buhot was born in 1847, views in the Montmartre quarter of Paris, and several transcripts of London life, notably two of the "palais Westminster," which presumably means Westminster Abbey. M. Benedite hopes to arrange at the same time, also at the Luxembourg, a collection of pictures by English and American artists.

VISITORS to the city of Milan should not omit a visit to the old Castello (within a few minutes of the Piazza del Duomo), which was built by Sforza in 1450, and which was a military

stronghold till the year 1893, when it was acquired by the corporation and turned into a museum. Since then, as the various halls and rooms have been completed, they have been thrown open to the public. During the last year a gallery has been arranged, where the principal pictures are shown separately on easels standing at right angles to each window embrasure. Among the exhibits are some superb portraits by Tintoretto, Moroni, and Lorenzo Lotto. The studio of Leonardo da Vinci, in which he worked with his pupils, and which has served as a stable for many years, is also in the building; and the ceiling is now being cleaned, gradually revealing a mass of dark green foliage.

THE excavation of the Old-Kingdom site at THE excavation of the Old-Kingdom site at Bêt Khallaf, in Upper Egypt, is to be continued this season by means of a fund privately subscribed at the invitation of Mr. Hilton Price. The patrons are Mr. W. MacGregor, Mr. R. Brocklebank, Mr. Martin Kennard, and Mr. Arthur J. Evans (for the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford), and the excavations will be Museum, Oxford); and the excavations will be conducted, as before, by Mr. John Garstang, who last year made the discovery there of some royal tombs of the Third Dynasty.

Two venerable monuments in Canton Uri are now being repaired by the public authorities. One is the prehistoric pyramidal block in the Lake of the Four Cantons, which, since the publication of Schiller's 'Wilhelm Tell,' has been gratefully dedicated to the poet's memory under the name of the "Schillerstein." A grant of 2,500 francs was made for its reparation, and it is now surrounded by a huge scaffolding, which has enabled the cantonal Baudirektion to examine its otherwise inaccessible summit. This proved to be crumbling, and at least four mètres of the top of the huge block are to be removed and cement substituted. The other relic is the neighbouring "Haus an der Treib," that marvel of the wooden architecture of the Middle Ager, which is fast decaying. It is the property of the commune of Seelisberg, which has voted a considerable sum for its preserva-tion, and happily put the work under the expert direction of the Society for History and Anti-

Some notable archæological reports were given at the last meeting of the Paris Académie des Inscriptions. M. Clermont-Ganneau reported a discovery of great interest at Telb-erh-Chibâh, near Mzeiris, to the south of Damascus. found "an Egyptian stele of Pharaoh Seti I. of the Nineteenth Dynasty," which proves that the Egyptian conquests had extended far towards Syria at a time when the Israelites had not yet settled there. M. Cagnat communicated to the Academy the results of the excavations at Lambesis, in the camp of the legion of Augustus. The whole eastern portion of the prectorium has been laid bare, and important documents found in it. M. Babelon gave an account of a numis-matic tour undertaken by him to Berlin and Brunswick, with the aim of completing the general description of the coins of Asia Minor left in manuscript and unfinished by the late M. Waddington, in which he was assisted by Herr Dressel, the conservator of the collections at Berlin, and Herr Lobbecke, of Brunswick, to whom the Academy sent an official vote of thanks for their labours.

THE excavations at Ægina, which were recommenced a few weeks ago under the direction of Prof. Furtwängler, are reported to be near their conclusion. On the western side were discovered the foundations of the older temple, portions of which were evidently used in the construction of the later temple. To this older construction of the later temple. To this older temple, or to its altar, belongs the inscription which bears the name of the goddess Aphaia. Amongst the smaller finds of the later period are the potsherds of a vase of the sort made in Naucratis, with figured representations of special interest. An account of the discoveries is in preparation.

LORD CURZON has appointed as Direc General of the Archæological Survey of India, department of the Government which has beer fruitful of good works, Mr. J. Hubert Marshall, of King's College, Cambridge.

#### MUSIC

#### THE WEEK.

CORONET.—'Siegfried' in English.
CRISTAL PALACK.—Saturday Concerts.
ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Miss Fanny Davies's Pianofort.
Recital.

WAGNER was ahead of his age, and had hese w to suffer for it; he was for a long time Pathéti abused by critics and ignored by the public. d mast There was nothing strange in all this; the same thing happened to his great pre decessors Bach and Beethoven. The geni of Wagner is now recognized; he is the man of the day. His operas are popula and his early operas-not the earliest, which scarcely count, but 'Tannhäuser' as 'Lohengrin' — already appear somewhold-fashioned; like the first two symphonics of Beethoven, they have the hall-mark of past on them. The opposition to Wagne eld I was intensified by the use which he made of his own sharp pen, and by the zeal (of e hot-headed) of his chief champions, and the reaction is proportionately intense. Inlater works of Wagner are heard in London during the short opera season, and in German. The Carl Rosa Company has now produced 'Siegfried' in English. Two performances were given last week (Thursday and Satur day) at the Coronet Theatre, Notting Hill and they reflect the coronet Theatre, Notting Hill and they reflect the coroner to t intelligence and a certain enthusiasm; his Davies, Miss ladame declamation, moreover, was clear. Miss Lucile Hill as Brünnhilde had little to do, nto the but that little she did well. Faults could be found with the orchestra, which was fterwar efineme strings were unevenly balanced; with the stage on account of its smallness, and with stage effects certainly anti-Wagnerian; also with some of the interpreters, whose con, ceptions of their parts were characteristic rather than correct. But every one did his best; and seeing that, in spite of all shortcomings, there were many commendable features in the performance, detailed criticism would be not only unkind, but unfair. A very difficult work was creditably given in very difficult circumstances. The conductor, Mr. Eugene Goossens, must not be forgotten he steered the 'Siegfried' ship safely through all difficulties.

Up to now we have not noticed the series of Crystal Palace Concerts. There has been a new departure, but, so far at any rate attendance is concerned, not a successful on? There had been for some time a falling which since Mr. Wood became conductor h increased. His ability is not thereby called in question; there must be other causes at work to bring about so unsatisfactory a result. First of all, the number of London orchestral concerts and number of novelties produced at them have so increased within the last few years that a visit to Sydenham has become less of an attraction and less of a necessity. Then many residents in Sydenham and the neighbourhood have possibly ceased to take much interest in the Saturday concerts now that Mr. August Manns, who established them and won for them worldwide

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agnition, is no longer at the head. And another cause, and one purely musical, been may, we think, be assigned. One great shall, naster, Beethoven, has been put down, and new idol, Tscharkowsky, set up in his lace. And these two names may serve as ypes to indicate generally the preponderance if the present over the past. Our words nust not be read according to the letter: Reethoven has been, it is true, represented, but only by a song; Tschaïkowsky, on the but only by a song; Ischarkowsky, on the contesther hand, by two symphonies, a suite, and overture. Some new works—and among had hese we especially rank Tscharkowsky's time athétique'—have come to stay; but the masters should not be neglected, and it fould be remembered that to each fresh theration that springs up they are new sters. At last Saturday's concert Mr. Phopin's E minor Concerto, the slow moveth being played with great feeling and thement. Mrs. Henry J. Wood made differst appearance at these concerts, and f g successfully a dignified aria by malame Pauline Viardot, 'Scène d'Hergno...de of Pitt. The programme ended with Elgar's Orchestral Variations.

ass Fanny Davies gave her second piano-recital at St. James's Hall on Tuesday fernoon, and her programme was one of conderable interest. It included the whole of humann's 'Novelletten,' Op. 21, a work in hich the composer wrote from heart as atur all as brain. Schumann himself said that Hill his reflect his varying moods during the re of oriod of doubts and difficulties previous his marriage with Clara Wieck. Miss ; his pavies, who studied for several years with Miss ladame Schumann, entered thoroughly odo, not the spirit of the music, and her renderwas and stierwards played, and with skill and efinement, a group of short pieces by below the bottom of the composers, MM. René also lenormand, Louis Aubert, Gabriel Fauré, also the also éon Moreau, and Saint - Saëns. The Impromptu, 'Humoresque,' and 'Toccata' y the last three composers respectively con ristic nis roved the most attractive. The programme lable minor

#### Musical Gossin.

Ar the Promenade Concert last Saturday the imphonic poem 'Ostern' for orchestra and yan, by Herr Fritz Volbach, a conductor of lote, whose name is associated with performres of the Chrysander versions of several of andel's oratorios, was performed. The poetic of the work is promising, but the music, augh it has some fine moments, is heavy in that also in its scoring. There were at Station, however, for poverty of invention. Ox Wednesday evening 'The Gates of Night,' ballade, poem by Mr. B. W. Findon, set to maic by Mr. Arthur Hervey, which was pro-

lined at the recent Gloucester Festival, was ung with earnestness and feeling by Mr. Frangcon-Davies. The orchestral accompani-ments were played far better than at Gloucester, that the dramatic and picturesque character of sity. he music revealed itself to us for the first time. THE third and last Richter Concert took place

m Monday, and although there was plenty of Wagner to attract the public, there was an musually bad attendance. The weather was

exceptionally trying, but the seats were pro-bably all sold; a dense London fog damps the ardour even of the most enthusiastic Wagnerite. The familiar programme needs no detailed notice. We may, however, just say that the Liszt Rhapsody in f was brilliantly played, and that in the Symphony in A, with which the concert ended, Dr. Richter once again showed that he can render justice to Beethoven as well as to the master under whose immediate influence he commenced his career as a conductor.

Great sympathy will be felt for Mr. George Henschel in the sad and sudden loss of the partner of his life and of his artistic career. The suddenness of the death of Mrs. Henschel is evident from the fact that she was announced to give a vocal recital with Mr. Henschel at the Bechstein Hall next Wednesday. As Miss Lillian Bailey she made an early appearance in public, after which she studied under Madame public, after which she studied under Madame Viardot Garcia and with her brother, the veteran teacher Mr. Manuel Garcia, and finally under Mr. Henschel for two years before her marriage with him. She had a voice of sympathetic quality, and, after the names of her teachers it seems scarcely necessary to add, thoroughly well trained. The artistic world has lost a vocalist who held, as does her mourning husband, her art at its proper high mourning husband, her art at its proper high

Mr. NEWMAN announces a series of organ recitals at Queen's Hall on Wednesday afternoons, commencing November 13th. The series will be inaugurated by Mr. Henry J. Wood, and Mr. Edwin H. Lemare will appear on November 20th. The name of Bach will of course figure largely in the programmes. The public has made acquaintance with his great preludes and fugues for the organ chiefly through the clever yet unsatisfactory transcriptions of them for the pianoforte by Liszt and other virtuosi. Pianists, with a few honourable exceptions, prefer these transcriptions to the genuine clavier fugues; and thus the former have been distorted and the latter discarded.

MR. C. A. BARRY has written an article on 'Recent Russian Music in England' in the Edinburgh Review for November, and he gives an interesting account of prominent composers, from the days of the "Patriarch-Prophet" Glinka down to the present time. He has much to say about Rubinstein, whose best work he considers to have been the direction of the St. Petersburg Conservatoire, which he founded in 1862. Rubinstein's wonderful pianoforte playing was a great power, which died with him; the school of music one which lives after him. Mr. Barry thinks we have now too much Russian music; and we are of his opinion. He doubts, and with good reason, whether, with the exception of Tschaïkowsky's, it has come to stay; of Tschaïkowsky himself, indeed, only the fittest will survive.

A vocal and instrumental concert will be given at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, December 2nd, in aid of the funds of the Clerkenwell Benevolent Society, at which Miss Esther Palliser, Miss Hilda Wilson, Messrs. William Green and C. Santley, and other well-known artists will appear. The Royal Artillery Band will perform, under the direction of Mr. Zaverthal.

THE first part of the first volume of 'Das Leben Peter Iljitsch Tschaïkowsky's, 'by Modest Tschaïkowsky, has just been published in Russian and in German by the Jurgenson firm at Moscow and Leipzig. In a brief preface the biographer, a younger brother of the composer, describes the material at his disposal. It consists principally of letters from 807 persons to Tschaikowsky, of many letters written by the composer, and of extracts from his diary, from various musical and literary manuscripts, and from his musical and literary library, containing marginal notes in his handwriting. This first

part brings us only to the year 1863, in which the composer was still a student at the St. Peters-burg Conservatoire. The childhood of great men, in which the seeds of future character, future achievement are sown, is, however, always of interest. There are portraits of Tschaikowsky's parents, a picture of the house in which he was born, and a facsimile of a poem written by him at the age of seven.

Le Ménestrel gives week by week some of Rubinstein's 'Pensées et Aphorismes,' trans-lated from the Russian by M. Michel Delines. Here is one: "It is a mistake to think that an artist must be a devout believer in order to treat artist must be a devote believe in order to steel religious subjects well. Does one require an artist who deals with mythological subjects to be a heathen?" There is a certain amount of sophistry in this thought. A sceptic, if an able artist, could no doubt treat well (bien traiter) the most sacred theme; but surely deep sympathy with any subject must intensify thought and feeling. Bach was a genuine Christian, and so was Wagner in his own peculiar way, and we believe that to this is owing the strong emotional character of the music of the B minor Mass, of many of the church cantatas, and of 'Parsifal.' Whatever the belief, it is the sincerity which gives the vis viva, and of course the higher the belief the grander the effect.

HERR SCHAPER, of Berlin, will execute the monument to Robert Franz, which is shortly to be erected at Halle, where the composer was born in 1815, and where he spent his long life; he died there in 1892.

MUSICAL news from Italy must really be received with the utmost caution; in fact, until it has been to some extent corroborated it is dangerous to quote. There is the 'Nero' legend: Signor Boito has finished his opera and it is forthwith to be produced; the next report declares that not a note has been put on paper. Then quite recently the centenary festival in honour of Bellini was to be held at Catania. It was to be of a light, then of a more serious character; but finally, like the ghost in 'Hamlet,' it suddenly vanished from sight.

Le Ménestrel of November 3rd states that a tablet is to be erected on the house (Vienna, Hadik Strasse, No. 72) in which Wagner wrote the greater part of 'Die Meistersinger.'

Tues.

PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK.
Sunday Society's Concert, 3.30, Queen's Hall.
Sunday League, 7, Queen's Hall.
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Mr. Benis O'Sullivan's Concert, 815, Same's Hall.
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Mr. Banne's Pallad Concert, 3, 8t, Jame's Hall.
St. James's Hallad Concert, 3, 8t, James's Hall.
Organ Recital, 3.50, Queen's Hall.
Currius Club Concert, 8.30, Bechstein Hall.
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Mr. Donald Tovey's Planoforte Recital, 3, St. James's Hall.
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Mrs. Kathleen Bruckshaw's Planoforte Recital, 8, Bechstein
Satunday Popular Concert, 3, St. James's Hall.
London Ballad Concert, 3, St. James's Hall.
Saturday Concert, 3, Gueen's Hall.
Saturday Concert, 3, Crystal Palace.
Orchestral Concert, 3, Albert Hall.
Mozart Society, 3, Fortman Rooms.

#### DRAMA

The Works of Shakespeare. The Edinburgh Folio. Part I. of Vol. I. Edited by W. E. Henley. (Grant Richards.)—If perfection of print and paper can make a pre-eminently read-able 'Shakespeare,' the aspirations of both the editor and the publisher of this sumptuous edition bid fair to be realized. It is a book to rejoice the heart of the bibliophile. To this first part is prefixed the preliminary matter of the First and Second Folios, the frontispiece being an excellent reproduction of the Droes-hout portrait. The work is to be completed in forty bi-monthly parts, to be gathered into ten volumes. Each part will be complete in itself, and so cased as to be handled conveniently as a separate volume. 'The Tempest' is the play included in this first part, and the rest will follow in the well-known, and therefore convenient, order of the First Folio. Such notes

as are given are mainly glossarial, and not a very desirable addition to the work; few people acquainted with the English language will require them, and those who do would them in vastly greater numbers. They are very concise; so much so that some of them really need explanation: for example, in Act V. sc. i. ll. 124-6, before the king and his companions have quite recovered from the bewilder-ment in which he has involved them, Prospero

You do yet taste Some subtleties o' the Isle, that will not let you Believe things certain.

On the word "subtleties" Mr. Henley has merely this note: "Kitchen fictions in pastry or sugar." How many readers, we wonder, will understand this, or will know that Mr. Henley is stand this, or will know that Mr. Henley is here referring to a note by Steevens asserting that "this is a phrase adapted from ancient cookery," &c.? Steevens's note is a learned one, and more editors than Mr. Henley have taken it seriously; but we cannot help believ-ing that it is one of the malicious jokes perpetrated by the Puck of Commentators for the confusion of his fellow-craftsmen. the whole scheme of the edition has been finally settled, and it would be useless now to make settled, and it would be useless now to make suggestions; but we are sure that there be many readers, of "them that love, not to dispute about readings, but to read," who would willingly have dispensed with these glossarial notes in favour of as brief a record of any departure from the original. As it is, the reader must be content to surrender himself entirely to the control of the editor, and certainly Mr. Henley's name should be a guarantee to him that he will have at least as good a text placed before him as he would find in any one of the innumerable editions now appearing.

The Theatre: its Development in France and England, and a History of its Greek and Latin Origins. By Charles Hastings. Translated by Frances A. Welby. (Duckworth & Co.)—No long time has elapsed before 'Le Théâtre Français et Anglais,' to which we drewattention last February (see Athen. No. 3823, p. 155), has been presented to the English public in an authorized translation. A man of mixed parentage, French and English, born and educated in France, Mr. Hastings has been struck by the need for a text-book of the drama furnishing an historical outline from Thespis to Rostand and Pinero, such as the literature of neither country previously supplied. In his experience as lecturer at University College, Bristol, the necessity for a manual of dramatic history became increasingly apparent, and his work is to be regarded as the first of a series intended to fill this It met on its appearance with full recognition in both countries. In a letter to the author, which is printed in the original and in the translation, M. Sardou (by whose advice and encouragement Mr. Hastings persisted in an arduous and important task) congratulates the author on the production of a book which will be of service to the academic student and will be prized by the man of the world taking an enlightened interest in the stage. A function almost higher will be fulfilled by it in satisfying the requirements of those who seek a trustworthy book of reference. Misprints to which we were the first to draw attention have been corrected, and an index, the desirability of which we pointed out, has been supplied. This addition alone is sufficient to justify a preference for the translation over the original edition. Since the appearance of the French edition of Mr. Hastings's work the Elizabethan Stage Society has given at the Charterhouse a memorable performance of 'Every-Man.' From this the general public obtained an insight such as it previously did not possess into the arrangement and conduct of the primitive stage. scription of such matters here is simple and luminous, and by its aid the student will have no difficulty in comprehending the nature of

the entertainments in which our ancestors the entertainments in which our ancestors delighted. We have explained at sufficient length the scheme and the execution of the work, and little remains to be added to the recognition we have already accorded. Mr. Hastings is a close student and a man of intellectual perception. It is doubtful whether any other living writer could have made so accurate and trustworthy a compendium of the history of the stage. He has himself an unusual com-mand of English, and the translation by Miss Frances A. Welby has been executed under his supervision.

#### Pramatic Gossip.

'FLACHSMANN ALS ERZIEHER,' a three-act comedy of Herr O. Ernst, has been given by the German company at St. George's Hall. It presents a faithful picture of life in a German national school and the jealousy and tyranny to which an earnest and competent teacher is exposed at the hands of a head master who is an impostor.

An adaptation of Mr. Kipling's novel 'The Gadsbys' has been executed by the author and Mr. Cosmo Hamilton, and will, if contemplated arrangements are carried out, be produced at the Prince of Wales's Theatre.

'Uncles and Aunts,' a three-act farcical comedy by Messrs. W. Lestocq and Walter Everard, was revived on Monday at the Great Queen Street Theatre, Mr. Penley reappearing in his original character of Zedekiah Aspen, in which he is very droll. The general cast will not, however, stand comparison with that assigned the piece on its first production on August 22nd, 1888, at the Comedy, when the authors, Mr. Charles Groves, Miss Vane Featherston, and Miss Cissy Grahame took part in the

An alteration has been effected in the motor-car race which is the chief sensation in 'The Great Millionaire.' Instead of endeavouring by cinematographic effects to convey the idea of rapid motion, what seems to be a motor car containing two human figures comes at a rapid pace from the side of the stage, is precipitated over the rocks, and explodes.

THE death occurred on the 31st ult. of E. J. Lonnen, at one time an actor at the Gaiety, who had long been in bad health, and for whom recently a benefit was given.

So favourable has been the reception in America of Mr. Charles Hawtrey in 'A Message from Mars' that there seems a pro-bability of his stay being extended over the coming year.

Mr. Martin Harvey appeared on Monday at the Coronet Theatre, Notting Hill, in 'The Only Way.'

MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL is credited with the intention of appearing in May next in a play by Mr. E. F. Benson.

'FROCKS AND FRILLS' is the title of Mr. Grundy's new comedy in rehearsal at the Hay-

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